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SOUTH ABANDONS OFFENSIVE?

SUDDEN CANCELLATION OF ORDERS.

DEFEAT OF MARSHAL SUN'S ARMY REPORTED.

FENG THREATENS SHANSI.

The feature of to-day's news concerning the war in China, is that the Nanking Government has suddenly cancelled its orders for an offensive against the North, and the troops which were sent recently across the Yangtze are being withdrawn. Reinforcements that arrived by train in the vicinity of Nanking, have been sent back to their original stations.

On the other hand, Chinese reports from Shanghai declare that the Nationalist forces have been in sharp action against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and have gained notable successes, driving the Northerners towards Pengpu.

The activities of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang are attracting much attention, following his failure to carry out his promise of aid to Shansi. It is suggested now that he intends to profit by the absence of the Shansi armies at the front, and seize that province, which he could more easily defend against the Fengtien troops than he could the province of Honan.

From the Yangtze ports, comes news of further executions of "Reds" at Kiukiang, and of the commandeering of transports, despite protests, of French and Italian vessels at Ichang.

FOREIGN VESSELS COMMANDEERED.

Nanking, Oct. 19. the surrounding forces have increased, now totalling 40,000. For some reason undisclosed, a sudden change has taken place in the plans of the Nanking Government. —*Nam Chung Pao.*

FENG'S NEW MOVE.

Alleged Aim at Shansi.

Peking, Oct. 19. The Fengtien forces officially claim that they have severely defeated a body of 10,000 Shansi troops who have been operating in the vicinity of the Mentoukou area, a few miles to the west of Peking.

It is also officially claimed that the Chihli-Shantung troops occupied Chantchoo on October 18, driving out the Kuomintang forces.

TROOPS RETURN.

Cross the Yangtze.

Chinkiang, Oct. 19. Troops are arriving at Chinkiang from the North bank, large numbers having crossed yesterday.

Two buildings in the Concession have been converted by the new arrivals into hospitals. —*Naval Wireless.*

Orders Cancelled.

Shanghai, Oct. 19. A sudden alteration in the plans of the Nanking Government is indicated by a rescinding of the orders to troops to proceed against the North. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. —*Naval Wireless.*

ORDERED TO THE FRONT

Nationalist Armies Gather.

Shanghai, Oct. 20. Reports from the Tientsin-Pukow front indicate that the fighting line there has not been moved to the northern bank of Wei Ho.

It is reported that the 33rd Army encountered the forces of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang near Tingyuan on the 16th. After two days' serious fighting, Marshal Sun's troops were defeated and withdrawn towards Pengpu.

The railway near Mingkwang was badly damaged during their retreat.

The 21st Division of the 9th Army, stationed at Changchow, on the 19th. General Ko Chuk-tung the commander of the same army, also left for Nanking by special express train.

The 40th Army, which lately arrived at Nanking, crossed to Pukow on the 19th. The newly-organised 10th, 15th, 16th, and 17th Armies have also received orders for the front during last three days, six regiments of these newly-organised forces have crossed the river.

Owing to the strong defence of the Chochow by the Shansi troops, (Continued on Page 14.)

RAIDS IN CANTON.

STRONG ACTION BY MILITARY.

"RED" RESISTERS SHOT.

An indication that the party at present in control of Canton is not going to permit the new "Red" element to do just as it likes, was provided yesterday afternoon, when a big force of police and gendarmes carried out raids on radical labour headquarters, and made a number of arrests.

The first action was taken against the Hongkong-Shameen Strikers' headquarters, at Tung Yuen, when about 150 police arrived in cars and on cycles, and surrounded the premises. They then carried out a systematic search, and made many arrests, the prisoners being removed in chains. Prior to starting the attack the raiding party fired a volley with blank ammunition, and this had the effect of bowing the radicals.

The force then immediately proceeded to the Tai Ping Maloo, where they raided the headquarters of the Seamen's Union. Here they found the place barricaded, and were met with several shots fired from concealed points in the building. The police returned the fire, and rushed the place, and soon had control. Two of the seamen's leaders were killed, and another was badly wounded. In the shooting, twenty-one men were placed under arrest.

These events are a sequel to the murder of two moderate leaders by the radical seamen a few days ago. This strong action against the "Reds" by the new police chief, one of General Chang Fat-kwai's appointments, has caused general disappointment, it is said, among the radical elements, who hoped all the Ironsides would be on their side.

Vigorously "Anti-Red."

Canton, Oct. 20. General Chu Fai-yi, the "Iron-side" Commander and Chief of the Canton Police, who yesterday made two successful anti-"Red" raids in the city, has issued an official order announcing his intention vigorously to carry on the anti-"Red" campaign. General Chu points out that recently the labour radical elements of the city have become reckless again, resulting in labour unrest. This must have been caused by the resumption of activities of the "Reds" who misunderstood the situation and thought that their day had come.

General Chu declares that drastic measures should be adopted by the Police force against such "Red" activities, and a careful look-out should be kept to prevent the Reds again mixing in labour circles. Hereafter any "Red" found will be dealt with severely, and the labour unionists are warned not to allow "Reds" into their Unions.

In reply to the petition of the labour radicals for the release of their "comrades" who were recently arrested by the Police, in connection with the murder case in Tai Ping Maloo, the Police Chief declares that these prisoners cannot be set free before a thorough investigation is made.

SOVIET AND INDIA.

"DELEGATE" REFUSED PASSPORT.

Cawnpore, Oct. 19.

The Government has refused to issue a passport to Haarat Mohani, a member of the Congress party, who has been invited to visit Moscow to attend the celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the revolution. —*Reuter.*

LIGHT PLANE'S LONG FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL IN ITALY.

Rome, Oct. 19. The British light aeroplane "Red Rose," on a flight to Australia, has arrived here. —*Reuter.*

FLYING BOATS GO OVERLAND.

Marseilles, Oct. 19.

The Royal Air Force flying boats have arrived here from Bordenaux. —*Reuter.*

CABINET PROGRAMME DRAWN UP.

BILL TO PROMOTE BRITISH FILMS.

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

London, Oct. 19.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held to-day, at which the programme for the autumn session of Parliament, which opens on November 8, was discussed.

The session will occupy little more than six weeks, and will accordingly be devoted to more urgent business. It is expected that the bulk of the time will be occupied with the new Unemployment Insurance Bill, which the Government are bound to pass in view of the expiration of the existing scheme at the end of the year.

Two other measures of major importance which require final stages are a Bill dealing with relations between landlord and tenant, which seeks to remove

LIFE SENTENCES.

Dealing With Shanghai's Crime Wave.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.

There was a dramatic development to-day in the Provisional Court, when two armed robbers were given life sentences, one of them collapsing in the dock and remaining unconscious for half an hour despite the use of restoratives.

The charges against the men had previously been dismissed, but the police appealed.

Simultaneously, sentences were trembled in the case of other crimes of violence. It is believed that the court's stiffening attitude will strengthen the authorities' hands in tackling the crime wave.

certain objectionable features of the leasehold system and a Bill which aims at promoting the British film industry. —*British Wireless.*

LONG JOURNEY BY MOTOR CAR.

AN ENGLAND-AUSTRALIA ATTEMPT.

London, Oct. 19.

Mr. Francis Birtles, the Australian, set out from Olympia to-day in an attempt to reach Melbourne, Australia, by motor-car.

Mr. Birtles is driving a 14 horsepower car, and his route will be across Europe, and through Syria, Iraq, Persia, India, Burma, Siam, and Malaya. The distance is about 16,000 miles, and if he succeeds he will be the first man to have done the journey in this way.

During the whole journey he intends to travel only 500 miles by sea. He crosses from Folkestone to Boulogne to-night by steamer.

He had a great send-off from friends, including many Australians, who witnessed his departure from Olympia. —*British Wireless.*

Subsequently a number of Potlura's ex-Generals and ex-Ministers testified that Potlura strongly disapproved of pogroms. —*Reuter.*

BANDIT OUTRAGE.

TRAIN BOMBED AND LOOTED

MEXICAN OUTLAWS ACTIVE.

Laredo, Texas, Oct. 19.

Six persons were killed and several injured as the result of Mexican rebels bombing and wrecking a passenger train south of San Luis Potosi.

The train was subsequently looted. Two persons were injured, and later died, so the death toll is altogether eight. The rebels have taken refuge in the mountains, with over 10,000 pesos of loot. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Briton Kidnapped.

Washington, Oct. 19. The United States Consul at Mazatlan has informed the State Department that Mexican bandits have captured Mr. W. E. Mitchell, the general manager of the Amajac Mining Corporation at Nayarit. Mr. Mitchell, who is a Briton, is being held for a 5,000 pesos ransom, within five days, under the threat of being shot.

The British Minister at Mexico City has made representations to the Mexican Government.

Protection Inadequate.

It is also reported that bandits have seized a mail bag and a payroll of 2,000 pesos destined for the Amajac mines, after killing four members of a military escort.

The American consul adds that military protection is still inadequate. —*Reuter's American Service.*

QUESTION OF TRADE BARRIERS.

AN AMERICAN AMENDMENT.

Geneva, Oct. 19.

The conference dealing with international trade barriers has referred to a committee an American amendment to article 3 of the draft agreement, as follows:

"In the event of the fixing of ratios or quotas, no condition or formalities shall be imposed or required, in connexion with the allocation of licenses for a restricted quantity of goods authorised for exportation or importation, that may prevent the grant to each of the other contracting States of an equitable share of such exportation or importation, having regard to the normal volume of trade by these respective countries in the particular class of goods in question. In the application of this clause, no distinction shall be made between direct or indirect shipments." —*Reuter.*

SPANISH STRIKE IS NEARLY OVER.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE.

Madrid, Oct. 19.

It is officially stated that the trouble in the Asturias mining area has practically been settled as the result of fresh proposals by the men. —*Reuter.*

A message of October 18 stated: Miners in the Asturias region have struck, and are refusing to accept a reduction in wages and an increase of hours, which mine-owners declare is indispensable owing to the under-selling of foreign coal. The stoppage is complete and General Primo de Rivera, in a note to the Press, says the Government will be forced to take steps to settle the dispute.

SOVIET WAR BOGEY REVIVED.

WANTS TREATMENT "AS EQUALS."

Leningrad, Oct. 19.

"We are willing to parley with the bourgeois states, provided they treat us as equals," declared Litvinoff, in an address to workers at the Putilov works, alluding to Franco-Soviet relations and the "zig-zag" policy of the bourgeois governments generally. —*Reuter.*

HAS THE CHURCH LOST ITS GRIP?

THE "DESCENT OF MAN" CITED.

A BISHOP'S STATEMENT.

London, Oct. 19.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Bishop Barnes) in an open letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury arising from the incident in St. Paul's Cathedral, on October 16, when he was interrupted for being "unorthodox," attributes one of the causes of the weakness of the Church to the apparent determination by religious teachers to ignore scientific discovery.

He says, "Though all competent biologists accept man's evolution from an ape-like stock, the theological consequences of such a belief are still seldom stated."

"Medieval Theories."

The second main reason for the present alienation of educated men and women from the Church of England is the growth of erroneous sacramental doctrines.

Medieval theories rejected in the Reformation, are now openly taught in the Anglican churches. We have no right to assume the existence of spiritual properties in inanimate objects unless they are spiritually discernible, yet no man living possesses the spiritual discernment whereby to discriminate between consecrated and unconsecrated bread. —*Reuter.*

Later.

The Bishop of Birmingham denies that his teaching is false or heretical, and says that no protest will hinder him from upholding the religious truth. "No body shall drive me to Tennessee or to Rome." —*Reuter.*

LORD CECIL'S POST FILLED.

MR. RONALD MCNEILL TO JOIN CABINET.

London, Oct. 19.

Mr. Ronald McNeill is to replace Lord Cecil—who resigned over a difference of opinion regarding policy—in the Cabinet, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. —*Reuter.*

It is announced that H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Ronald McNeill, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to be Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in place of Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, who recently resigned. Mr. McNeill will have a seat in the Cabinet. —*British Wireless.*

The Rt. Hon. Ronald McNeill was Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in 1922-24, and represents the St. Augustine division of Kent, being elected in 1924. He was born in 1861, and comes of an old family settled in Antrim, Ireland. He was educated at Harrow and Oxford, showing much brilliance in the latter part of his scholastic career, and took up Law, being called to the Bar in 1887. He held the editorship of the "St. James's Gazette" from 1900 to 1904, and was assistant editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica from 1906 to 1911. His many publications include contributions on Home Rule, on Ulster, and on Socialism, as well as a history of the Australasian colonies.

EFFECTS OF GERMAN STRIKE.

BRITISH COAL EXPORTS MAY BENEFIT.

Berlin, Oct. 19.

Hitherto there have been no disorders in connexion with the strike of the lignite miners, notwithstanding the many volunteers who are working the mines, but the stoppage is already reflected in industry. Factories have closed down and others are curtailing operations through lack of fuel.

The fear is widely expressed that the strike will give British producers an opportunity to regain the Scandinavian markets, lost through last year's coal strike in Britain. —*Reuter.*

THE TWO ARMIES.

WHERE NORTH AND SOUTH MEET.

SCANTY PROVISION.

The man who penetrates that district which surrounds Chuchow and Püchen—which must be regarded almost as a "No Man's Land"—has a narrative to present, but it is practically impossible these days to compel the disclosure of cold facts regarding the movements of men.

Hints reach us, says last Saturday's *Shanghai Mercury*, that the cold fingers of winter have touched both friend and foe on the battlefield, and the sufferings of the soldiers these days deserve consideration in the highest quarters.

A correspondent has disclosed the fact that a general advance was ordered in Nanking a few days ago, but when we come down to concrete facts, we find that this is a mere "terminological inexactitude," for the information which reaches us to-day leads us to believe that the Nationalist front line is still at Chuchow, and, as it cited as proof of the strange working of the Chinese mind, we find that instead of preparing to advance, the troops are being actually given forty-eight hours' leave to visit relatives, etc., and these men in large number retreat their steps as far back as Nanking. The port, of course, retains all its glamour, and has an abundance of attractions for the war-weary patriots.

Pity the Soldiers.

When we refer to the sufferings of the soldiers in the field, the primitive conditions under which they exist, the scant fare handed out to them, we must not forget that these men still stand up only in their summer clothing. At least a large number of the Nationalist troops do.

We have it on excellent authority that, in the way of rations, someone with a very light hand doles out the food, and when we consider the weather, which now prevails in this disturbed area, the lack of consideration seems cruel in the extreme.

Of course, there is some satisfaction in the fact that the average Chinese is acclimatised, and can stand a great deal of the fierce onslaughts of foul weather.

If we would turn our eyes to the rival camp, we would find the conditions under which these men exist to be of a more considerate and kindly character, and far less severe, so far as food and winter clothing is concerned.

We cannot resist the temptation of placing before our readers the military disposition of some of the forces of the Northern army on the 11th inst., and they are as follows:

There are three tan of troops, 4,500, at Mingkwang, and these are under the direct command of General Li Pao-chang, who has his headquarters at Lin Hui Kwang.

General Ching Tsun-yeh has his headquarters at Pengpu.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is at Tsinanfu, where he is co-operating in every way with Marshal Chang Tsung-chang.

It would not be good policy to disclose, at this juncture, further details as to the contemplated movements of the different armies. It is positive that whilst the Nationalists are resting in their billets, and certainly dawdling over any projected advance towards the North, the armoured train belonging to the Northern forces makes a daily reconnaissance as far down as San Chich.

No Man's Land. There is a gap of eleven miles—which must be counted as another stretch of "No Man's Land"—between the outposts of the Nationalists and the Northerners.

Trains, both passenger and freight, are running regularly, it may be noted, to Pengpu from the North, and military trains from Pengpu to Mingkwang.

Another little illuminating item is that which might be published regarding the men employed on so vital a highway as the railway, for we find that the whole of the personnel on the railway line, as far south as Mingkwang, were paid their full salaries last month.

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TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST MERCHANT.

An unusual situation was created in a case before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. M. K. Lo, while defending a Chinese merchant charged with trafficking in opium, announced that he would withdraw entirely from the case in the event of his Worship ruling that certain documents seized in a Revenue Department raid are connected with the charge, and that they are admissible as such.

The announcement followed on a lengthy argument as to the merits of a number of exhibits handed in, after which his Worship adjourned the case in order to go more closely into the contents.

The case concerns Foo Yuk-yin, who in addition to being charged with possession of a small quantity of both raw and prepared opium, was indicted on a more serious count of wholesale trafficking in the drug, the fifth and last count reading as follows:—"In the year 1927, the defendant did aid, abet, counsel or procure the commission, in the Philippines, of an offence punishable under the provisions of a corresponding law in force in that place." The corresponding Hongkong Ordinance was also quoted.

Mr. Carrie, Assistant Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, in opening the case for the prosecution, stated that on July 16 last, Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt raided premises occupied by the defendant at No. 20, Wing Kat Street, second floor, where he found a hot opium pipe and a lamp still burning, as if the smoker had just left. The daughter of the defendant, when interrogated, said it was her father's and gave his name, S.R.O. Watt found a small quantity of opium, and also correspondence which was concealed under the mattress or kept on the person of one of the defendant's daughters. All these letters referred to opium-dealing referred to under other charges; also a small quantity of raw opium was also found contained in one of the letters. These with certain other documents of an even more open nature were collected by S.R.O. Watt, and taken away. Translations of these letters had been prepared and would be submitted. Regarding the opium seized it was of a small quantity, and no great importance was placed on it except that its presence tended to confirm that the defendant was dealing in opium.

Hearsay Evidence.

Senior Revenue Officer Watt then proceeded to give evidence concerning the raid and the discovery of the opium and documents, until an objection was raised by Mr. M. K. Lo against the inclusion of a statement made by one of the defendant's daughters in reply to witness's interrogation. Mr. Lo said that this evidence was merely hearsay, and in any case, his defence would be that at the time of the raid, the defendant was absent from the Colony on a visit to Canton, and that anything in the nature of *ex-parte* statements during this period would be inadmissible.

His Worship noted the objection. Resuming, Senior Revenue Officer Watt said that the premises which he entered were arranged as living and office quarters, and in the course of the search he came upon a loaded revolver with defendant's photo appearing in the corresponding arms licence.

Sometime after the search, at 5.30 p.m. on September 30, the defendant came to witness's office and on the instructions of Mr. Carrie, the Assistant Superintendent, witness took him into custody to the Central Police Station,

SOVIET IN PARIS.

CABINET APPROVES NEW AMBASSADOR.

Paris, Oct. 19.

According to the newspapers here the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dovgalevski as the Soviet Ambassador in Paris.—*Havas.*

where the charges were duly preferred.

Replying to Mr. Lo, witness said that when the defendant came to see him, the defendant did not say that at the time of the raid he was not in the Colony, but witness was given to understand, irrespective of dates, that defendant had been to Canton.

Further questioned, witness said that at this interview the impression conveyed by the defendant was that he was out of the Colony at the time of the raid, that he subsequently heard of it, and that he went to see witness about it. Nothing further took place in the interview, and defendant was immediately taken to the Central Police Station on instructions from the Assistant Superintendent. The charges were not preferred at the Station were not preferred in witness's presence.

Trip to Canton.

Mr. Lo thought this a convenient stage to hand in statements made by the defendant in reply to those charges, and read one of these statements as follows:—"On June 20, I went to Canton to get my eyes cured. This opium does not belong to me. When the Inspector arrived, I was not in the house. Afterwards my wife informed me that a man named Lai left it there when he went there and paid a visit."

With the evidence of Senior Revenue Officer Watt, the prosecution said they had closed their case, except for the putting in of translations of the documents seized in the raid. In this connection, Mr. Carrie stated that it would be seen that the date of the letters were prior to the defendant's alleged departure to Canton, but they were addressed to him under his proper name and address, which was the Wing Cheung shop at No. 20, Wing Kat Street. These letters formed a definite sequence and they talked one with another. They mentioned the sailing of certain vessels—Mr. Carrie had verified the sailings of every one of these vessels and they corresponded with the dates of the letters—and they mentioned that goods might be sent to Amoy. It was from this port that the defendant originated.

Letters from Manila.

The letters mentioned a man known as Uncle Sheng Kwai in the Ching Chow district, and it was also verified that defendant came from that district. There were certain other letters from Manila, which mentioned a man named So Heung. They had got a book, namely the Wing Cheung firm book, which tallied with clientele in Manila. So Heung's name was mentioned in the book, it also occurred in letters addressed to the defendant Foo. Where the English address was also given, some curious spelling effects were witnessed, but in all cases, the Chinese addresses were correctly given.

Further confirmation was obtained from letters from Manila, revealing transactions made through a bank called the "Ting Yat Bank," with a note recording the receipt of a letter from, So Heung through the Ting Yat Bank.

Letters were found concealed, and in one of these a small quantity of raw opium was found, and Mr. Carrie submitted that the opium and letters could not be there without the knowledge of the defendant to whom they were

TEAPOT DOME OIL.

CONSPIRACY CASE OPENS IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Oct. 19.

The famous Teapot Dome oil conspiracy case has opened, the defendants, Albert Fall, ex-Secretary of the Interior, and Harry Sinclair, the multi-millionaire oil magnate, being charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Fall was previously tried on a charge of criminal conspiracy in his dealings with Doheny, another oil magnate, but the jury disagreed.

The jury in the present case contains two women. At the opening of the case counsel for the defence contended that there were no requirements in law under which Fall was obliged to dispose of oil leases by competitive bids.—*Reuter's American Service.*

addressed. They were all dated at a time when he was occupying the premises. They were retained by him there, and therefore they must be genuine letters addressed to him.

Importance of Letters.

The prosecution had not obtained the ledgers tallying with the period covered by the letters, which, of course, was unfortunate. If they had the ledgers with the entries exactly corresponding with the statements in the letters, then they should have a strong confirmation, but they hadn't. They had got ledgers tallying with the years 1925, 1926 and for the early part of the present year, which entries tallied, but they had not the period covered by the letters. The case therefore, would have to stand on these letters, but as Mr. Carrie had pointed out, a lot of items in the ledgers ran in a definite sequence, there were points of connection between these and the letters, and Mr. Carrie submitted therefore, that these points must be admitted as evidence of the contents.

Major Willson:—Do you rely on these letters to substantiate your case entirely?

Mr. Carrie:—Practically on these letters.

His Worship: That makes it very important.

Mr. Carrie:—Yes, and Charges "A" and "B" deal with the definite finding of illicit opium-raw and prepared in the house.

Meaning of Goods.

Mr. Lo said he was glad that this point of procedure was thus made early by the prosecution as he had reserved his arguments until a clearer indication was given him of the lines on which the case would be proceeded with against the defendant. He was prepared "to make a present" to the prosecution there and then, in first acceptance of the bona fides and admissibility of the translation without dispute; and secondly, in conceding that the entries in the letters such as "several cartons of goods" and so on, were capable of the meaning given to them by the prosecution. But only on this condition, that the onus having been thrown on the defendant to prove that these words were innocent of the significance alleged, Mr. Lo must be given an assurance that the prosecution were prepared to stand or fall on those translations alone, without seeking to call further evidence.

Mr. Carrie said he required time to go *seriatim* into the documents before admitting such documents as he considered had an important bearing on his case.

Mr. Lo: I understand that Mr. Carrie's position is this that so far as facts in evidence are concerned, his case is finished. It is for your Worship to admit or not to admit this correspondence. In other words, the prosecution is closed subject to the admissibility of those letters.

ECONOMIC SURVEY.

SHOWS GENERAL PROSPERITY IN AMERICA.

Washington, Oct. 19.

A survey of economic conditions in the United States has just been made for the information of President Coolidge, who is convinced from study of the survey that a satisfactory measure of prosperity now exists throughout the country, with every prospect of its continuance.

Mr. Mellon, on behalf of the Treasury, assured the President that the monetary situation is sound and that there is adequate credit in every field for the maintenance of trade and production.

The Agricultural Department announced that the buying power of the farmers had materially increased lately. The products of wheat farmers and the prices paid for them had improved, while the cotton growers had been compensated for a short crop by higher prices. Mr. Hoover reported that exports of manufactures had reached a new high level.

President Coolidge expects that a reduction of taxation will be possible next year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

On the point of admissibility of the correspondence into the evidence, Mr. Carrie quoted a parallel case of a man who was charged with obtaining money by false pretences through the medium of the post, and he submitted that as in that case, he defendant was answerable for those letters addressed to him.

Question of Identity.

Mr. Lo disagreed, and after quoting "general principals" which might be said to guide Mr. Carrie in his submission stated that such principals were absent from the present case. He pointed out that the defendant was away at the period of the raid, and that the possibility should be considered of somebody else in the house using defendant's name and address for the safety and convenience of the "trade." Mr. Lo put this forward by way of amplifying the position in favour of the defendant, firstly that those letters were not found on the defendant, secondly that he was not discovered writing, replying, or handling any of the letters in question. In short there were many missing links in the case against the defendant which would have made a *prima facie* case.

Mr. Lo: So far as the evidence relating to the facts is concerned, the case is before your Worship, in its entirety, excepting on the question of the admissibility, or otherwise, of the letters. If you think, on the present evidence, that they are admissible, I have nothing further to say.

Mr. Carrie then alluded to the admissibility of the ledgers, whereupon Mr. Lo declared that there was nothing in these to connect defendant—nothing to show even that he was a partner of the firm. To go into this would be working around again in a circle on proceeding with the case. It would be tantamount to reopening the case when evidence such as that of "a wretched amah with a four-months-old baby on her back" was called upon to give evidence that the defendant was a partner of the firm and had subscribed several million dollars' capital to the concern.

His Worship intimated that he would have to go carefully through the letters and ledgers before giving his ruling on the point of admissibility of those letters. He proposed to adjourn for a week.

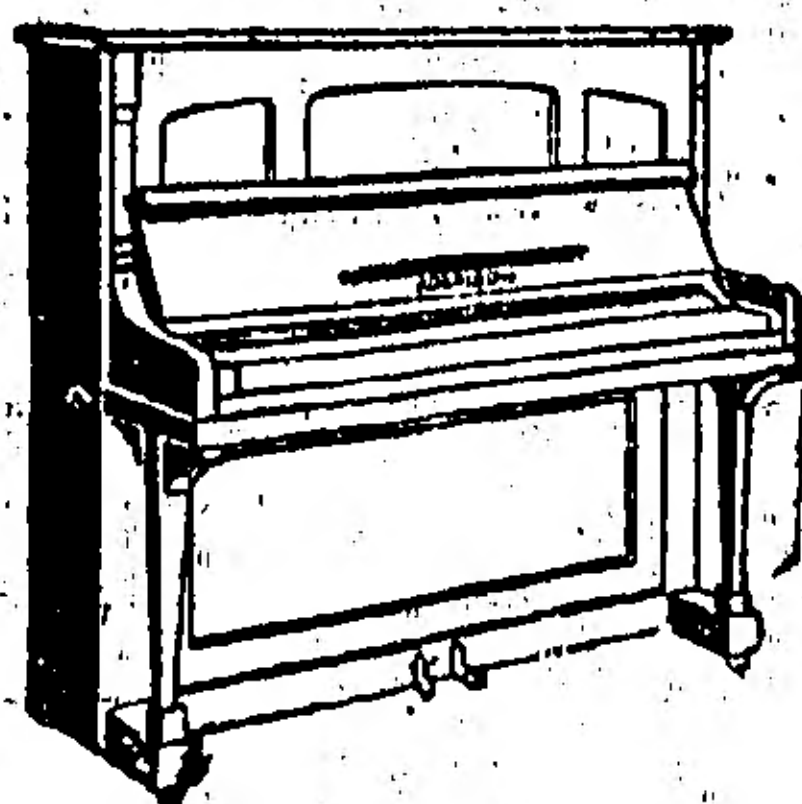
Mr. Lo: My position is this; If your Worship says that these documents are admissible, I shall withdraw entirely from the case and allow defendant to make his own explanation of the entries, excepting advising him as to what he should do.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon, at 2.15.

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START OF RELAY RACE.—Competitors in the relay race at the recent Shanghai Volunteer Corps Sports, at the word "Go." In the final heat the winners were "A" Company, with the Machine Gun Company second.



STARTING GATE.—The above snap was taken on the occasion of the official trial of the "Desmond" starting gate at the Shanghai race track. The stewards of the Shanghai Race Club and several other prominent racers were present at the trial. The field is seen getting away from the start well together.



GROUP OF PRETTY AUVERGNATTES.—Eight little and big damsels who helped at the Fete d'Auvergne at Shanghai. Fine weather smiled down on a brilliant scene, where hundreds of happy children enjoyed themselves.



THREE LITTLE MAIDS FROM AUVERGNE.—Miss Nellie Levy, Miss Eva Irlin and a friend wearing the national costume seen in the province of Auvergne, at the French fete held at Shanghai recently by the Alliance Francaise.



U. S. RAILWAY DISASTER.—Two trainmen were killed and others injured in the wreck near Altoona, Pa., of the Pennsylvania Railroad's crack Broadway Limited. The first of the two locomotives pulling the heavy cars through the Pennsylvania mountains left the rails, the train following it over an embankment. Here are seen wreck cranes clearing the right of way.



WHAT HO! FOR A DONKEY RIDE.—German school children spent a jolly afternoon at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, when celebrating the birthday of President Von Hindenburg. Donkey rides were one of the features of the afternoon's programme.



IS THIRTEEN AN UNLUCKY NUMBER?—Not if the thirteenth is Mrs. Ned Widler, who is seen here surrounded by a dozen stalwarts of the Suffolk Regiment. The picture was taken in the Garden Buildings Camp, at Shanghai.



COME AND BUY MY PRETTY WARES.—One of the stalls, where toys were sold, at the Fete of Auvergne, given in the French Park at Shanghai Alliance Francaise.

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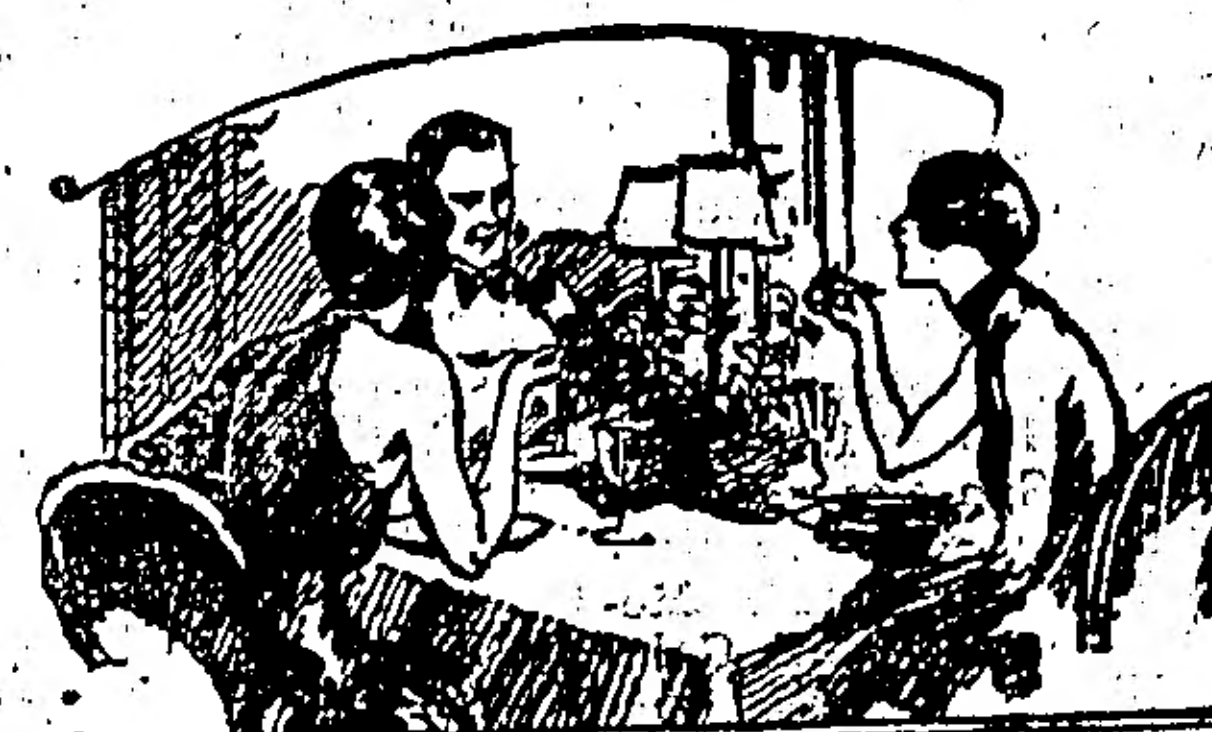
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For details of events see posters and programmes.
The Club is open to members of the Navy League and their friends for the occasion, and visitors will also be welcome.

By Order
of the General Committee,

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 5th. November 1927 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 25th. October 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club annex, on Saturday, 29th October, 1927, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 22nd Day of October, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 8th October to the 22nd October, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1927.

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Should any craft attempt to pass between the dredger and the western buoy of the tier and foul the suspended head-chain there is a great probability of the chain falling to the bottom and fracturing the telegraph and telephone cables in the cable reserve.

By Order,

G. F. HOLE,
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Hongkong, October 17, 1927.

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Hongkong, October 20, 1927.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

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Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—
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Swatow Service temporarily suspended.
It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on and after 17th October, 1927 radio-telegrams will be accepted by the Radio Telegraph Office, Government Building, for transmission to the American Continents, Hawaiian Islands and Europe through the intermediary of the Radio Corporation of the Philippines at Manila.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Ship	Date
Australia and Manila	Mishima Maru	October 20.
Shanghai	Shantung	October 20.
Saigon	Sinkingiang	October 21.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only London 22nd September)	Talamba	October 21.
Shanghai Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kashima Maru	October 21.
Shanghai	Suiyang	October 22.
Shanghai	Emil Kirdorf	October 22.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London, 22nd Sept.)	Kutsang	October 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	October 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President McKinley	October 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Van Buren	October 24.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	October 24.
Shanghai	Kashmir	October 28.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Shanghai	President Jefferson	October 30.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	October 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Ship	Date
Macao	Chuen Chow Thurs.	Oct. 20, 8.45 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong Thurs.	Oct. 20, 8.30 p.m.
Straits	Nagpore	Thurs., Oct. 20, 8.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Borneo	Fri., Oct. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Mishima Maru Fri.	Oct. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sarpedon	Fri., Oct. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Oct. 21, Noon.
Shanghai	Sikiang	Fri., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Manila and parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Emil Kirdorf	Sat., Oct. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat., Oct. 22, 1.30 p.m.
	K. P. O.	Registration 21st, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	22nd, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	Registration 22nd, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	23rd, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 21st November.)	
Amoy and Japan	Talamba	Sat., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Oct. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., Oct. 23, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Kingyuan	Sun., Oct. 23, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Oct. 23, 9 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Van Buren Mon.	Oct. 24, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Suiyang	Mon., Oct. 24, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Tues., Oct. 25, Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang	Tues., Oct. 25, Noon.
	Parcels	25th, noon.
	Letters	26th, 1 p.m.

Saloon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

D'Artagnan

Tues., Oct. 25, 1 p.m.

Registration 1.45 p.m.

Letters 2.30 p.m.

(Due Marseilles, 25th Nov.)

Pres. McKinley

Tues., Oct. 25, 4.30 p.m.

Chak Sang

Tues., Oct. 25, 5 p.m.

Parcels 25th 5 p.m.

Emp. of Russia Wed., Oct. 26, 1.15 a.m.

Letters 10 a.m.

(Due Vancouver, B.C. 13th Nov.)

Namsang Wed., Oct. 26, 5 p.m.

Cremar Thurs., Oct. 27, 10.30 a.m.

Hoihow, Fokhoi and Haiphong Thurs., Oct. 27, 10.30 a.m.

Bangkok Thurs., Oct. 27, 8.30 p.m.

Kiangchow Thurs., Oct. 27, 8.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Fri., Oct. 28, 1 p.m.

Sandakan Fri., Oct. 28, 1.30 p.m.

Shanghai Fri., Oct. 28, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Kashmir

Sat., Oct. 29, 1.30 p.m.

Parcels 28th 1.30 p.m.

Registration 29th 10 a.m.

Letters 29th 10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels 28th 5 p.m.

Registration 29th 9.45 a.m.

Letters 29th 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 28th November.)

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Sat., Oct. 29, 5 p.m.

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TRAFALGAR DAY.

TO-MORROW NIGHT'S CONCERT.

The following is the programme to be given to-morrow night at the Queen's Theatre in connexion with the Navy League celebration of Trafalgar Day:

Part I.

1.—Selection, "Nautical Airs" (Various Composers), by the Band from the 1st Cruiser Squadron.

2.—Pianoforte Solos (a) 3rd Ballade (Chopin), (b) Spinnerlied (Mendelssohn) by Mrs. H. E. Hargreaves Browne.

3.—Tenor Solos (a) Passing by (Parcell), (b) My Dreams (Tosti), by Mr. H. E. Gardner.

4.—Soprano Solos (a) Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix, (b) Saint-Saens), (c) Phyllis has such charming graces (Anthony Young), by Mrs. Richard Ganger.

5.—Baritone Solos (a) Port of many ships (Keel), (b) A Sailor's Prayer (Keel), by Surg. Lieut. W. H. Brangfield, R.N.

6.—Hornpipe, by Messrs. Hartwell, H.M.S. Danno, Wicks, H.M.S. Tamar, Sweetman, H.M.S. Stormcloud, and Denham, H. M. S. Durban.

Part II.

7.—Selection "H.M.S. Pinaford" (Sullivan) by the band of the 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers.

8.—Film "Jutland Battle." Accompanists:—Miss V. Jefford and Mr. George Grimble.

The Morning Ceremony.

At eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, the ceremony of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph will be carried out by members of the Navy League, and it is intimated that H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) may be present.

The party will afterwards visit the Wanchai memorial, where a similar wreath will be laid in memory of the gallant men who died in an action against pirates at Kuhlun.

NEW SEAMEN'S UNION:

THE INAUGURAL MEETING.

Some Chinese seamen in the Colony are entertaining the idea of forming a new Chinese Seamen's Union, entitled, "The Chinese Marine Labourers' Association."

On Monday there was a meeting of some 200 Chinese seamen, representative of the 110 local Chinese Seamen's club, held at Hang Far Restaurant, Queen's Road West. At the meeting, one of the chief promoters declared that the purpose behind this new association was purely economical and it was far from being a political organisation, like the proposed Chinese Seamen's Union. Further, this new Association will have nothing to do with the existing Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton.

At present there are about 110 Chinese seamen board clubs in the Colony with more than 10,000 members, but these are run by private Chinese owners who give the unemployed seamen and food in the club and who find employment for them. For this service the club owners charge the seamen, sometimes taking a proportion of the seamen's wages when succeeding in obtaining positions for them. The purpose of forming this new association, added the speaker, is to check the activities of some rapacious club owners by assisting the seamen to get employment through the management of the association, which will make arrangements direct with shipping owners.

The association will hold meetings, in future, on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE CAT AND THE CANARY" TO-DAY.

"The Cat and the Canary," described as the greatest mystery drama of the age, will be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day until Saturday. This picture is the film version of the famous stage play of the same name, and the plot is presented with even greater effect, thanks to the wider scope of the screen for fantastic settings.

The plot hinges about a murder in an old country mansion where six persons have gone at the hour of midnight to hear the reading of a will. The lawyer who reads the will is murdered, and suspicion falls on each of the six one after another. Startling developments follow, culminating in an intensely dramatic climax.

The star of "The Cat and the Canary" is that popular actress Laura La Plante and she has a supporting cast including such well-known screen players as Creighton Hale, Forrest Stanley, Tully Marshall, Gertrude Astor, Flora Finch and Arthur Edmund Carew. The picture was produced by the noted German director, Paul Leni, famous for his fantastic settings.

The programme at the Queen's Theatre is completed by a charming Prizma Colour film showing glimpses of the Rider Haggard country in Africa; and a topical gazette, depicting among other recent events, the Prince of Wales reviewing the Senforth Highlanders at Victoria, B.C., the start of Bertand and Hill's fatal attempt to fly across the Atlantic, the favourite winning the St. Leger at Home, the opening of the Rugby season, and Ziegfeld selecting beauties for a new Follies show.

THE "QUAINTS."

A NEW MUSICAL PLAY FOR TO-NIGHT.

The "Quaints," Mr. R. B. Salisbury's well-known company, presented "Oh Joy" for the second time at the Theatre Royal last night, being rewarded with a rather scanty but enthusiastic audience. Opportunities of seeing the latest musical plays in Hongkong are so rare that it is strange that the audience was not larger.

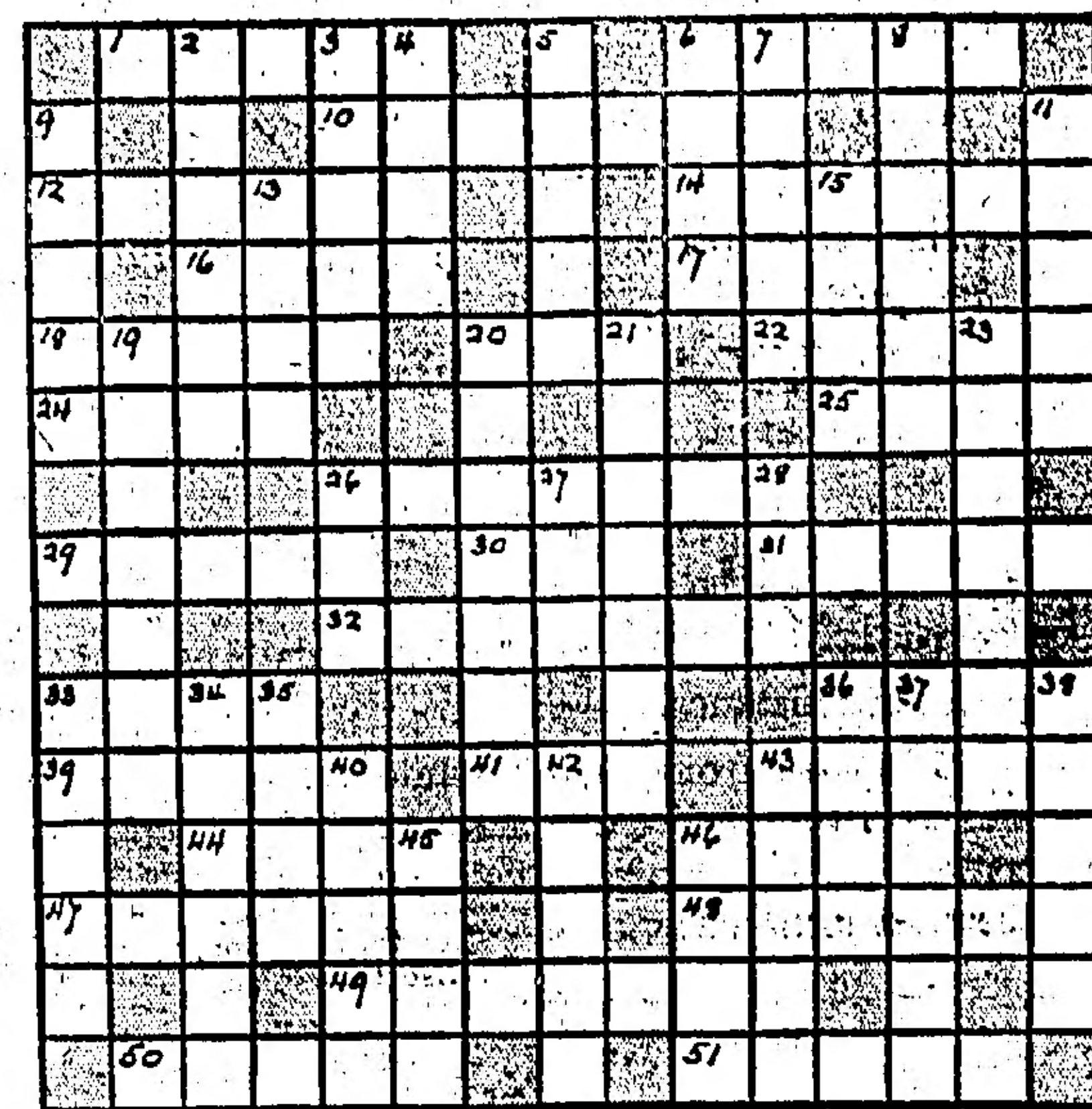
That P. G. Wodehouse wrote part of the book is sufficient to show that the play is highly humorous and it was done full just to be by Mr. Salisbury's clever artists.

To-night local audiences have an opportunity of seeing another new play, "One Dam Thing after Another," Mr. C. B. Cochran's production which is still running at the London Pavilion and is likely to prove the biggest success of his career.

The company is an especially capable one and led by R. B. Salisbury, Gordon Rennie, Fay Cole and Ella Erskine its enterprise in bringing entirely new plays to the Far East should be rewarded by bumper audiences.

Three new British film ventures are announced. British Instructional Films will embark next summer on a film dealing with the Pilegrim Fathers, who sailing in the Mayflower from Plymouth on September 6, 1920, landed at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, United States, on December 21. Mr. Alfred Hitchcock has assembled a strong cast of British players for his film version of Mr. Eden Phillpotts's play "The Farmer's Wife," while a new British war film, "Guns of Loos," which Mr. Sinclair Hill is directing, will reproduce the deed for which Piper Daniel Laidlaw won the V. C.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1 Shoe coverings.
6 Wagons.
10 Kindle again.
12 Often seen on a river.
14 Bear witness to.
16 Unhesitating dash.
17 Turkish coin.
18 Creed.
19 Favourite.
20 Field fortification.
24 Food well.
25 See from a distance.
26 Tutor.
29 Wireless.
30 Of the same clan.
31 Of greater age.
32 Make a drudge of.
33 High mountains.
36 Mislead.
39 Vegetables.
41 Unhappy.
43 Stabs.
44 Custom.
46 Glided.
47 Used for gun cleaning.
48 Long and slender.
49 Reached.
50 Trucks.
51 Clotted.

Down.
2 Near relative.
3 Special favour.
4 Perceived.
5 Part of a cask.
6 Result of exposure.
7 Perfume from flowers.
8 Places down the foot.
9 Encourages.
11 Without money (collg.).

13 Merriment.
15 Plant.
16 Excellent.
20 Applauds.
21 Pitcher.
23 Pacific.
26 Digit of the foot.
27 Ailing.
28 Part of a fish.
33 Vigilant.
34 Allow.
35 Touch lightly.
36 Part of an animal.
37 Commissions.
38 Ex-rulers.
42 Kind of navigation.
43 Brood of eagles.
44 Travel gracefully.
45 Mistakes.
46 Conveyance in snowy climates.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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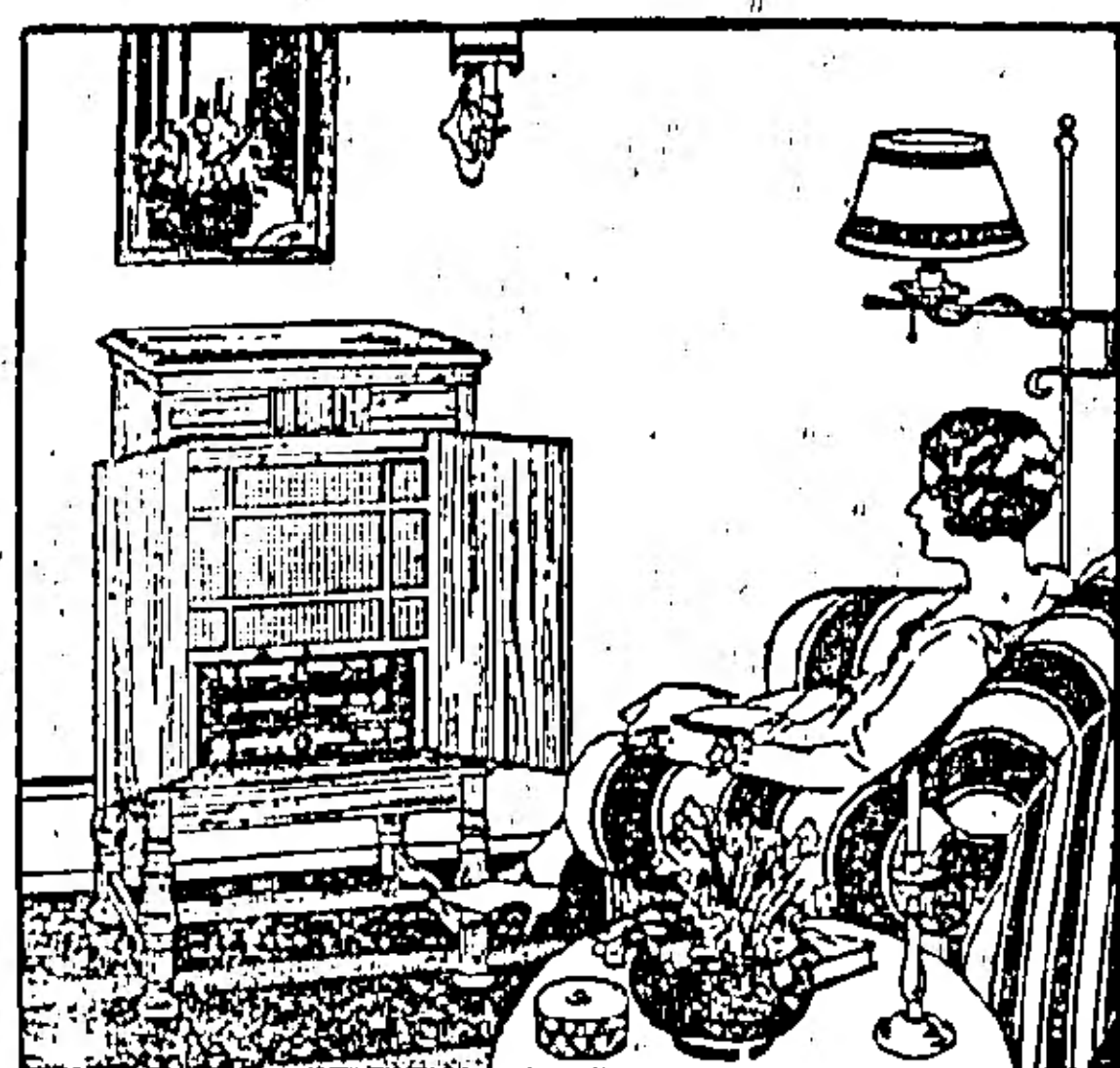
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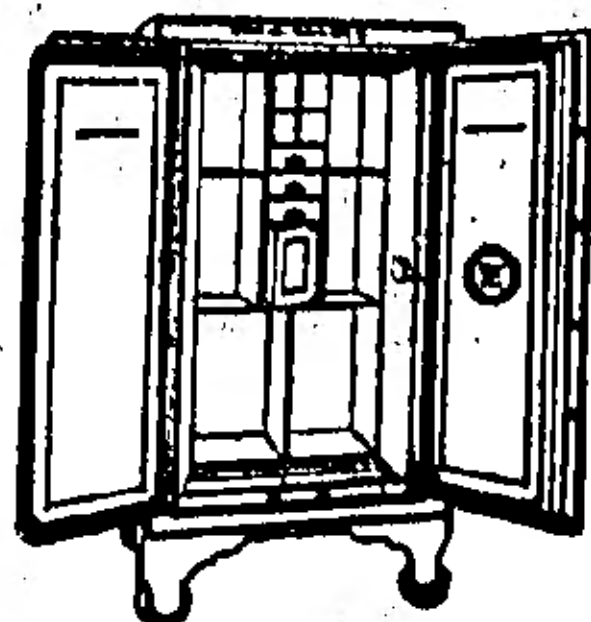
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MARRIAGE.

BRADLEY—DRAKE.—At Rangoon, on 19th October, 1927, Charles Hugh Granville, second son of the late Major H. V. Bradley and of Mrs. Bertram Foster, of Guernsey, Channel Islands, to Dorothy Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake, also of Guernsey.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER. 20 1927.

AID TO EX-PRISONERS.

There is a great deal which Hongkong might ponder over in a report in Straits papers to hand by last mail, concerning a meeting of the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society in Singapore. At this meeting, the honorary secretary, reviewing the work of the past six months, referred to the excellent results achieved. The success that had attended their efforts had been most gratifying, he said. It was not possible for the Society, with its limited opportunities, to keep officially in touch with the after careers of all those who had been helped by it, but the president could tell them that the prison records proved that during the three years the Society had been in existence not one of the discharged prisoners for whom employment had been found through the efforts of the Society had been convicted again. That was a record that might well be considered encouraging, and it was still more encouraging to learn from individual members of the committee, that so far as they had been able to ascertain from employers, the conduct of re-employed discharged prisoners had been uniformly satisfactory and that no single case had been reported of any man proving unworthy of the assistance the Society had given him. There is something in that which suggests itself to Hongkong. Why should not this Colony have a similar body to get into touch with all who leave our prisons, and attempt to set them on the path of rectitude? It is well known that many a criminal becomes so from necessity. We must have scores of persons convicted in our courts every year, for petty pilfering which the temptation of extreme poverty or actual hunger has driven them to. After their discharge, it

must often be that the sense of honesty has been dulled, and the temptation to crime is easier to succumb to in future. Were these people assisted in any way, it is possible that we should read less of cases of previous convictions, which are almost a feature of our police court trials. There is already in existence here the very useful organisation, under police auspices, known as the wafers' club, and it does not seem too much to ask our public spirited citizens in fortunate circumstances to inaugurate, with police co-operation, a local association for the aid of discharged prisoners. The Singapore society has a committee the members of which are drawn from every community in the place, and on which Chinese are well represented. It is not that any local effort would be faced with an experiment pure and simple. Rather is it correct to look upon the Straits organisation as the pioneer one; it has pointed the way to success, and what they can achieve in the south we should be capable of accomplishing as well.

Tariff Friction.

The conference at present sitting at Geneva which aims at giving practical effect to the resolutions passed at the Economic Conference held six months ago will assuredly have the good wishes of all who realise that there are many impediments to international trade which could be swept away without harm to anyone and with great benefit to many. It is now proposed to draft a Convention providing (with necessary reservations) for the abolition of prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports such as are a survival of the late war. It is not intended to deal with tariffs at this stage, though to anyone who courageously faces the issue it is the greatest question of tariffs that is in greatest need of revision. Let us assume, for a moment, that the conference does succeed in securing undertakings for the abolition of "import and export prohibitions and restrictions," surely it is obvious that the flow of trade will not be greatly helped unless the great tariff walls are also broken down. A glance around the world to-day proves how great and serious is this question of tariffs. We see the United States and France at differences similar to those which have of late existed between America, the Argentine and other countries. Whenever any country puts up a "protective" tariff against imports from another country there is bound to be friction and retaliation. Great Britain has lately put on a tremendous tariff increase against the imports of silk, and would it not be fair and just if China, whose silk industry is thus hit, in turn imposed a high duty against the artificial silk which is imported from Great Britain and elsewhere? But China has not tariff autonomy, and there again is cause for serious international friction. The coal mining interests of Britain have lately complained at the high duty imposed by France against British coal, whilst not a few fancy articles of French manufacture are heavily taxed by Britain. There is an incessant commercial war played by tariffs—a war that endangers international peace and goodwill more than anything else. It is becoming increasingly certain that the world will shortly have to get to grips with this tariff problem and have a reckoning all round. There is not the slightest doubt that tariff walls make for ill-will and friction and that Geneva will have to consider them later on even though it shelve the issue now.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Oct. 20.
Paris	124.05
Brussels	12.10 3/4
Amsterdam	20.38
Copenhagen	18.17
Vienna	34.51
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Lisbon	27.16
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47.29/32
Shanghai	2/6 1/4
Yokohama	1/10.28/32
New York	4.87 1/2
Geneva	25.25
Milan	80.75
Stockholm	18.08
Cairo	18.56
Prague	164 1/4
Madrid	28.48
Athens	306
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5.15/16
Hongkong	1/11 1/4
Silver (spot)	25.3/16
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

HOPE IS BRIGHTEST WHEN IT DAWNS FROM FEARS.—Sir Walter Scott.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

Th a P. and O. s.s. Nagpore is due here from Keelung to-day.

The anti-cyclone is central to the east of Japan. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea. The local forecast is: N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

Among those returning to the Colony to-day by the s.s. Sarpadon were Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Strafford, Mr. R. Y. Frost, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown.

A Musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 27th October, at 5.30 p.m. 18th Century Music will be given. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's Office. Teas may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Advt.

While backing into the motor car parking place in Pedder Street, near the offices of the Canadian Pacific Company, motor car No. 441 ran into another car, No. 192 and both were slightly damaged. A portion of the rear mudguard of car No. 441 was torn from the car.

Last night a Chinese was arrested on coming out of a boarding-house on the waterfront, and taken to the Police Station where a search disclosed that he had certain metal parts which were identified to be those of a machine-gun. The man will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

A pickpocket who pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a fountain pen from a Chinese in Wing Lok Street, was sentenced by Major C. Wilton to two months' hard labour. Another pickpocket who managed to extract \$40 in notes from the pocket of an unwary pedestrian in Des Voeux Road West was given three months.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Talamba, Kashima Maru, Mishima Maru, Ceylon Maru, Del Maru, Aki Maru, Takwa Maru, City of Lincoln, Kamsang, Kutsang, D'Artagnan, Coblenz, Chaksang, Svalde, Cremer, Soehow, Tjisondari, Hsangs, Emil Kirdorf, Suiyang, Sikiang and President Jackson.

Fines totalling \$250 were imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, on a Chinese who was arrested in a *po piu* lottery raid at 22 Temple Street, Maumau. Detective Sergeant Mottram explained that he found the defendant actually writing tickets. The man was charged with keeping a house for *po piu* lottery purposes, writing tickets, and possession of tickets, a conviction being registered on each charge.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 19 departures, of which five and six respectively were British. Tonnage was less than for either of the past two days, and inward cargoes were low, with British returning the highest individual figure. Through freights were better, but British ships carried less than 1,000 tons total. There were 58 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m. of which 22 were British.

A Chinese who was convicted of the unlawful possession of *po piu* tickets twenty days ago and was fined \$15, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, charged with a similar offence. On this occasion he pleaded that he only had 25 tickets in his possession and it represented the joint investment of himself and a few friends. A fine of \$50, or four weeks' hard labour in default, was imposed. Another man, who was arrested in Wanchai last night, for possession of 45 tickets preferred to have his bail of \$50 estreated.

WEDDING.

BRADLEY-DRAKE.

The marriage took place at Rangoon yesterday between Mr. C. H. G. Bradley, of the Hongkong Audit Department, and Miss Dorothy M. Drake, who arrived in Rangoon from England a few days before.

The bridegroom, who has been stationed in Hongkong for some few years, where he has made a wide circle of friends, is the second son of the late Major H. V. Bradley, 2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles, and of Mrs. Bertram Foster, of Guernsey, Channel Islands. The bride also comes from Guernsey, being the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley expect to arrive back in the Colony early in December.

A COOK HOUSE THIEF.

SCOTS GUARDS' LOSSES.

Recent complaints that there was a shortage of meat at the Scots Guards Camp, Shamshuipo, resulted in the arrest of two Chinese, employed at the camp who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, charged with the larceny of two pounds of beef steak. Sergt. Kirby prosecuted.

Guardman Heron, who is in charge of the cookhouse, said he suspected larcenies were being carried out and that yesterday he left the cook house and watched. He saw the second defendant come out of the cook house carrying some cloth. He stopped the man and found the meat wrapped up in the cloth.

The second defendant implicated the first man, saying that he urged him (second defendant) to take the meat out and sell it. The first defendant denied the charge.

His Worship held that there was not sufficient evidence against the first man to convict and he was accordingly discharged. The second defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

THE OLD OR THE NEW ACCOUNT?

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, Lee Fak-hang, trading as The Tak Chan Stall, sued the Sam Tor Tea-house for \$860.40, the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

The principal point at issue was whether certain payments made by the defendant, and admitted by the plaintiff, were paid in respect of the account on which the writ was issued, or whether they were payments made from time to time in accordance with a ten days' credit which plaintiff agreed to allow the tea-house in respect of more recent transactions.

After evidence had been called, the case was adjourned, the matter being referred to the Registrar for an account.

"THE GOLDEN RED."

FINE SETTINGS IN STAR FILM.

The story of a man who fought his way to the top in business only to lose hold through a girl, "The Golden Red," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day as the principal film in the new continuous programme, offers many lavish settings, having been produced by Cecil B. De Mille, a director noted for striking effects. Among the more impressive episodes are the dazzling "candy ball," the millionaire wedding and a grim fight on an Alpine crag. Rod La Rocque plays the leading role as the ice-cream vendor who becomes a candy king, and Lillian Rich and Vera Reynolds share the honours as the two sisters whose lives become entwined in his destiny. The story of "The Golden Red" is taken from the popular novel of marriage of the same name.

SMUGGLED ARMS.

CAPTURED BY POLICE.

Acting on information received, the police yesterday chased a sampan, which was heading towards the Praya at West Point, in the hope of making a seizure of certain arms and ammunition which were being carried.

The boat had left the s.s. Esquiline which arrived from Germany recently. In the course of the chase a sack was dropped overboard by the sampan and this was retrieved by the police. On being opened it was found to contain three automatics and 620 rounds of ammunition.

The people on the sampan managed to get away, it is learned. Another seizure of six automatics and a large quantity of ammunition was also made yesterday on the Ping On Wharf.

LOCAL WILL.

TAILOR LEAVES \$8,300.

Real estate to the value of \$8,300 was left by Kwong, Chong Tack, a tailor, formerly of 98 Jervois Street, Hongkong, who died at Poon, in the Hoi Ping district, on July 18, 1927.

Probate has been granted to the widow and concubine, the deceased having left a will, giving them power as trustees to deal with the estate as they think fit until Kwong Yau-lau, the testator's oldest son, reaches the age of 21.

The Very Idea!

A certain evangelical vicar was passing a well-known Roman Catholic oratory, and met two boys on the pavement. One of the youngsters, anxious to do the correct thing, greeted the clergyman with "Good afternoon, father," mistaking him evidently for one of the priests of the oratory.

The other boy, who was acquainted with the clergyman, corrected his mistaken schoolmate with the rebuke, "You silly, he isn't a father; he's got three children!"

In a case heard by the county magistrates at Nottingham, a woman was alleged to have sold a philtre powder to a wife to be administered to her husband as a cure for his suggested infidelity. It was stated that the "philtre" was composed of baking powder and boracic powder. Maud Sarah Collinson, the defendant, whose husband had refunded £97 which she admitted having obtained by false pretences, was fined £20, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment in default.

Willesden magistrate: Did you give your wife that black eye? Husband: Never in my life. It is years since I gave her a black eye. Nottinghamshire man: I said a lot but did not use any expressions.

Woman at the Thames Court: You know people do not rise early on Sunday mornings. Mr. Cairns, magistrate: I do not myself.

Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court, when informed that a man was at another court for using bad language: Oh, that is nothing, letting off steam a bit. I suppose a constable was round the corner.

Tower Bridge magistrates' clerk: Were you drunk? Man: According to King's Regulations I was. King's Regulations lay it down that you are drunk after one drink.

Schoolboy "howlers":—A train is a cart moved by vapour.

The liver is south-east of the heart.

Spanish doublets were coins issued in the sixteenth century.

Hindus are natives of India who wear towels on their heads. These towels are called turbans.

Peace is not a luxury but an absolute necessity.—M. Briand.

Parents cannot keep their children in glass cases nowadays.—Rev. H. B. Hamer.

If only we discovered the means of keeping troublesome women quiet we should do a great service to the community.—Mr. W. B. Luke (Willesden Magistrate.)

We all know that the Empire depends upon good Rugby.—Mr. A. C. Wallace, captain of the New South Wales Rugby team.

A big-game hunter, who was contemplating a trip to Africa, called at a sporting goods store and bought a large quantity of cartridges.

"I usually deal with your head office," he remarked to the man in charge. "But I dare say you will be able to send these for me?"

"Certainly, sir."

"Well, I want them to go to Nigeria."

The other looked blank for a minute or so.

"I think you'd better give the order to our head office, sir," he ventured. "You see, we've only a small boy with a bicycle here."

A motor car knocked over a locomotive weighing 7,000 kilos at Louvain. The car, driven by M. Martin, a Brussels business man, was travelling at 100 kilometres an hour when it collided with a locomotive on the Teruervener road. The impact was terrific. The locomotive was derailed, and then fell over into a ditch on top of the car. Mr. Martin and his wife, who were returning from a hunt, were crushed beneath the car. The driver of the engine was badly wounded in the legs.

Another accident took place at Lachen, where two trams came into collision, wounding twenty-three travellers, none of whom, however, was seriously hurt.

Mae—"Bill can't come. He's in the hospital. Someone stepped on his pipe during the game."

Belle—"I don't see how that would make him have to go to the hospital."

Mae—"It was his windpipe."

"Douglas Fairbanks' splendid adventure film in full natural colours, 'The Black Pirate' is again the chief attraction at the World Theatre to-day, the orchestra playing at the 5.15 and the 9.20 performances, and a Chinese interpreter attending at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances. 'The Black Pirate' will be screened until Saturday, after which it will not be seen again in the Colony.

MYSTERY NEARING SOLUTION.

YOUTHS ADMIT STEALING THIRTY CARS.

SHANGHAI ARRESTS.

By the arrest of six young Russians in the French Concession, Shanghai on Friday morning last, the French police believe they have elucidated a profound mystery among Shanghai motor car owners, and have arrested a gang of clever motor thieves who have been responsible for the majority of the thefts perpetrated in Shanghai within the past nine months at least. Police records show that during the past nine months, 120 motor cars have been stolen in Shanghai and all movable parts removed.

Under examination the six Russians have admitted stealing at least 30 or 40 of the 120 cars reported missing. In fact, the French police declare, the six admit stealing so many cars that they are unable to recollect the dates of the thefts nor the places whence they took them.

At the procedure alleged against the gang is that they stole the cars, took them to some unfrequented spot and then stripped them of movable parts and accessories. An intensive search of all pawnshops in Shanghai is proceeding. A large quantity of tools, accessories, batteries and magnetos have been recovered.

The French police are greatly handicapped in their inquiries as many motor car owners have not turned in reports when their cars have been stolen. Car owners whose cars have been missing during the months of September and October in the French Concession have been requested to call at the Central Police Station, Route Stanislas Chevalier, Criminal Section, to look at property recovered and to aid in police inquiries.

Police Use Pistols.

The five Russians, whose ages range from 16 to 19 years, were arrested in the French Concession about 2 a.m. on Friday by a posse of French police headed by Sergeant N. du Rocher. Information was received that a car had been stolen from outside the Carlton Theatre. Sergeant du Rocher, in his own car, investigated, came upon the stolen car and followed it. Owing to the stolen car having greater speed, the Sergeant lost it.

Later, the robbers apparently abandoned the first car and stole a Morris Cowley belonging to Mr. Porter, of the French Municipality Council, living at 1,032 Avenue Joffre. Sergeant du Rocher and three other police laid a trap for the thieves at the corner of Avenue Petain and Route Prosper Paris. About 2 a.m. the car was seen approaching with three Russians inside. Sergeant du Rocher ordered it to stop and when the driver refused to open the door, three shots hit the car and one hit the driver. The police succeeded in arresting the Russians in it and later, following up inquiries, they arrested the others, increasing the total to six.

Stole Many Cars.

Investigations based upon statements made by the Russians are alleged to have gone out night after night and started a campaign of thefts. They would steal a car in the French Concession, use it to enter the International Settlement and often stole cars to proceed home after completing their thefts, it is alleged.

The regular procedure was to strip the stolen cars of all movable parts and accessories to pawnshops and Chinese garages. The Russians admit having indulged in these thefts for a period of at least nine months, and stealing at least 30 or 40 cars. Some of the cars, they told the French police, they stole from the car parks and from outside cafes and cabarets. In other cases they admit having broken into private garages and driven off the cars in order to strip them.

The gang will appear at the French Mixed Court for trial and will afterwards be tried at the Provisional Court.

NOT HAWKING.

ONLY SELLING TO FRIENDS.

A Chinese, who was charged with hawking salt fish in Shaikwan informed Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning that he was not hawking with a view to making any profit, but merely to satisfy his friends.

He explained that he had been given a small quantity of salt fish by a friend of his and was carrying it home. On his way, he met some friends, who were struck by the good quality of the salt fish and begged of him to sell them some. To this the defendant reluctantly agreed but, unfortunately, a constable saw him.

The Magistrate observed that since the quantity of fish which he was hawking appeared to be very small, he would only impose a fine of \$1.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

BOARDING A SHIP.

There was a heavy list at the Marine Court this morning before Commandr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., there being no less than 25 defendants, called on charges relating to boarding without permission and failure to take out licenses on entering the Colony.

The first case called was that of a conservancy boat the master of which had failed to take out a license, he pleading guilty, was fined \$30 with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

The master of a trading junk, charged with (a) failing to take out a license for his craft and (b) failing to report his arrival at Cheung Chau on the 19th instant, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 on the first charge and \$10 on the second charge.

Chan Ngau and Li So, masters of passenger boats and Choi Kam a master, and Leung Shui-kam, a foki, also of passenger boats, were severally charged with making fast to s.s. Prosper while that vessel was under way. The first and second defendants pleaded guilty and were respectively fined \$20 and \$10, the former accused having a previous conviction for a similar offence. The third and fourth defendants pleaded not guilty.

Police evidence by L. S. A. Ellison was to the effect that he had observed the Prosper approaching her buoy and on rounding the stern, saw the craft of the accused secured alongside by boathooks. This was corroborated by the coxswain of the police launch and a fine of \$10 was inflicted in each case.

Boarding House Runners.

The dock was next filled with 15 boarding house runners, sampan masters, mistresses and others, who were severally charged with boarding s.s. Prosper without permission of the master. All pleaded not guilty and advanced various excuses for being on board, many stating that they considered it permissible to board, just as they would do in the case of the Canton boats.

His Worship pointed out that if the master did not wish them to board, that they were present without his permission, which was the charge raised against them.

Inspector Brown informed His Worship that the Police took a serious view of the case and he pressed for a conviction. There was a previous charge against the second defendant. This was not admitted and the case against him was remanded until to-morrow morning for identification.

Police evidence was given and L.S.A. Ellison stated that he boarded the vessel as soon as the gangway was down and in company with the Chief Officer, he searched the ship and found a number of men hidden in different parts of the ship. Some were hiding behind cargo, some in the crew's quarters and some in passenger cabins. Aided by the Chief Officer, he arrested 15 of these. A letter from the master, formulating a complaint was produced.

Chief Officer Wago corroborated. He had seen a number of men jump aboard after the Police officer boarded. He was present when the arrests were made, none of the men having been given permission to board.

One of the accused asked His Worship, why, when the Police flag was not flying, he and the other defendants should be arrested.

"You have the wrong idea," his Worship replied. "Whether the police flag is flying or not, you have no right to board, unless you have been given express permission to do so by the master. You may board when the master says so, but not before."

With the exception of the second accused, all were fined \$10 with the usual alternative.

Lying Inshore.

Three boat mistresses were charged with lying inshore during dark hours. Two of these pleaded guilty and the third not guilty, she stating that she had a permit. Inspector Brown pointed out that the only permit on board her boat was one which was out of date. The defendant refused to take a police officer to the place where she stated the new permit was, but in the Court, during the hearing, she had produced a new permit dated October 17.

Defendants were severally fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment. The coxswain of the Aberdeen ferry steam launch Wing Wo, was charged with (a) navigating the waters of the harbour without regulation lights and (b) failing to stop when called upon by the Police. Defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second.

The Police witness stated that the launch had been sighted off Green Island at 3.15 a.m. on October 15 without side lights. In chase, the Police launch had been outdistanced and the Wing Wo was called on to stop by four blasts of the whistle. Not until the fourth repetition was the signal attended to, and when the Police launch came alongside, the

IN HARBIN NOW.

RUSSIAN SHOOTING SENSATION.

A TERRIFIC STORM.

Harbin, Oct. 10.

A most beautiful day with a slight frost this morning and brilliant sunshine has brought all Harbin out in the streets to celebrate such a holiday as has never been seen in this town. In the first place the magnificent new square in the centre of the town was opened by a grand parade of all schools, every school sending from 100 to 200 scholars. After passing the Chinese flag and saluting the Civil Administrator, the schools marched through the town with their flags flying.

At midday the Civil Administrator received visitors, both Chinese and foreign and at this reception there were many British and Americans. Immediately after this, about 300 guests arrived by invitation of the tramway concessionaries to see the opening of the tramway service. In front of the tramway offices ten new cars, each seating 35 passengers were drawn up and as soon as the guests assembled, they were invited to take their seats in them and drive over the whole route. The leading car was driven by the German engineer, Mr. Eisold, who has controlled all the electric work.

The whole route was traversed and on arrival at the Railway Club, the guests were invited to a banquet where many congratulatory speeches were made. To-morrow the new service begins and during the whole of the day passengers will be conveyed free of charge. This evening the town is illuminated and there are arches of electric light at the main street corners, while the new viaduct is a blaze of coloured lamps. Harbin is making a real holiday, the whole town being on fete.

Last Friday night Harbin was visited by a terrific rainstorm, accompanied by lightning and thunder which frightened many people. All day long the air was close and heavy and about five o'clock the storm burst. Such torrents of rain fell that most of the streets were rivers of water, motor cars were held up everywhere as they could not force their way through the streams and right at the height of the storm, the Japanese electric station had to close down leaving most of the town in pitch darkness. Stranded in the floods many people had to walk home in a fool of water.

The Sahanovich Incident.

The sensation which was caused by the shooting of the ballet dancer Sahanovich in the bedroom of the Soviet Consul General has not yet died down, and many conjectures have been made as to how it occurred, as not one person believed that she shot herself. A pretty and high spirited young lady such as she is, possessing means and engaged to dance in the Harbin opera, had no reason to shoot herself.

As a result of the scandal, the Soviet Consul General has been recalled to Moscow and left Harbin last Wednesday, ostensibly on three months leave. He was not popular even in Soviet circles and was hardly ever seen at any public functions, and thus was little known in Harbin.

One of the evenings of last week, three armed bandits entered the premises of a Japanese billiard room. On their way in, they met a young Japanese student whom they shot, and it was this shot that gave warning to many people in the street. The bandits had just time to enter the premises and shout out "Hands up" when the alarm was raised and the police rushed to the spot. Seeing that the game was up the bandits made off without being able to rob anyone.

The unfortunate student was conveyed to the hospital, dying a few minutes after being admitted. The police were quickly on the track of the bandits and within three days caught the three of them, finding the revolver with which the student was killed.

side lights were found to be in position.

Defendant stated that he was a good distance from the Police launch and did not hear the signal.

His Worship asked the prosecution what authority there was for the sounding of four blasts as a signal to stop, and it was admitted that there was apparently no authority in the local Ordinances, but that the signal was generally understood. The accused admitted that he understood the four blasts to mean that he should stop immediately. He had been a coxswain for six years.

His Worship in inflicting a fine of \$25 on the first charge, announced that he would give the accused the benefit of the doubt on the second charge, as he had eventually stopped to allow the Police to overhaul him.

THE EUROPEAN STEEL CARTEL.

BELGIAN COMPANYS' OPPOSITION.

Brussels, Oct. 19.

The members of the international steel cartel, consisting of representatives of France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Czechoslovakia, have made the following allocations of production:

Germany 1,000,000 tons. France 400,000. Belgium 280,000. and Luxembourg 120,000, the allocation for the Sarre being partly in Germany's portion and partly in France's.

A meeting on October 26 will consider a proposal for the formation of a wire-drawing cartel.

An international steel cartel meeting which was to have discussed the establishment of international selling syndicates for semi-manufactured products and girders, was postponed at the last moment owing to the attitude of two large Belgian factories which, having recently extended their works, submitted unacceptable demands. This attitude was very much regretted, as the other representatives manifested willingness to make sacrifices in order to reach an agreement.

It is believed that the attitude of these Belgian firms will prevent the establishment of international counting houses, which were considered necessary for the consolidation of the steel pact.—*Reuter.*

SIR JOHN BRUNNER RESIGNS.

NO REASON GIVEN FOR DECISION.

Sir John Brunner has resigned from the directorate of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, the multi-million concern with which he has been closely associated since its inception.

The reasons for his resignation are not divulged, and Sir John Brunner declines to make a statement.

The secretary of Imperial Chemical Industries states that the reasons are personal, but there is no question, so far as the company is concerned, of a disagreement between Sir John Brunner and his colleagues.—*Reuter.*

A Surprise.

London, Oct. 19.

Surprise has been caused in financial and industrial circles by the news that Sir John Brunner has resigned his directorship in the Imperial Chemical Industries—a combine of chemical companies recently formed with a capital of £56,000,000.

The chairman of the combine is Sir Alfred Mond.

Sir John Brunner has refused to say anything on the subject. The secretary of combine states that the reasons for the resignation are personal to Sir John Brunner, and so far as the company is concerned there is no question of disagreement between Sir John Brunner and his fellow directors.—*British Wireless.*

FREIGHT MARKET.

LATEST SHANGHAI REPORT.

The latest report of Messrs. Wheelock and Company, of Shanghai, states:

To United Kingdom and Continent—A fair amount of tea is still going forward, also some shipments of liquid egg-yolk, whilst some shipments of sesamum-seeds and hides are expected shortly, but otherwise there is not much general cargo moving. Hankow exports continue active and several ocean steamers are expected to load there before the water in the River begins to fall, which usually takes place about end of October or early in November, after which date it is no longer safe for ocean vessels to proceed up the Yangtze.

Constatwise: On account of pending hostilities in Chili and Pong-tien-Northern merchants have instructed their Shanghai agents to curtail upward shipments as much as possible—downward shipments have not yet materialized in any large volume on account of disturbed conditions in the interior, but cargo is expected to move in considerable quantity in the near future—conditions at Swatow and Canton are easier and shipments are moving fairly freely. The Yangtze River trade continues steady—Wuhu and Changsha crops are large and brisk shipments should result in the course of the next few months.

CHINESE LEAVES A HUGE ESTATE.

OVER \$30,000,000 AVAILABLE FOR DIVISION.

EIGHT WIVES BENEFIT.

Mr. Justice Deane gave judgment last week in the Singapore Supreme Court, in the matter of the estate of Oei Tiong Ham deceased and in the matter of Oei Sioe Neo and Oei Ben Neo (infants) and in the matter of the Civil Procedure Code, chapter 30.

The deceased died on June 3, 1924, leaving eight surviving wives and 26 children. By his will he divided up his estate of nearly \$3 million dollars among certain of his wives and children, but left six of his wives and 15 of his children totally unprovided for.

The latter contended that by the law of Java, in which over 31 millions of the testator's property was, he could only dispose of one quarter of it and that they were entitled to their legitimate portion of the remainder.

In order to avoid litigation in the Dutch Courts a settlement was arrived at. An order was obtained with the consent of all parties that the executors and trustees be at liberty to compromise and settle the respective claims.

Fourteen Months Delay.

Owing to various formalities a period of 14 months passed before the money was paid under the agreement and it was owing to this delay, his Lordship said, that the question which have been brought before the court had arisen.

One referred to a sum of \$8,560 which the executors claimed to deduct from sums payable to the infants, having been advanced for their maintenance and support.

His Lordship on this point found that the executors were entitled to deduct the sum from the sums payable to the infants under the will.

His Lordship also found that no trust fund was created under the order and that the money was paid when it became due. No interest was payable.

No difficulty arose regarding the rate of exchange. It was calculated at the date the money became due, which to his mind was a proper thing to do.

UNMUZZLED DOG.

MILITARY OFFICER SUMMONED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. W. Schofield, Major G. L. Gorr, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, Whitefield Barracks was summoned for allowing his dog to be in Nathan Road without a muzzle. The defendant did not appear, and was represented by a Captain of the same regiment.

Serjt. Clarke explained that Major Gorr was not in the Colony, and the real owner of the dog was Captain F. Slater, of the Punjab Regiment, Whitefield Barracks. Captain Slater had left for Home two weeks ago, and the dog had been left in the care of Major Gorr.

His Worship adjourned the case for a week for the attendance of Major Gorr, his representative stating that it was possible he might be back in a week's time.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1.—Which in the world's "best seller"?
- 2.—Name "the father of the modern novel."
- 3.—Who wrote "Typee" and "Moby Dick"?
- 4.—What English poet died fighting for Greek independence against the Turks?
- 5.—Who is the creator of Lorlei?
- 6.—In what book is a country described as being inhabited and ruled by horses?
- 7.—Which of the following characters are real: Ivan the Terrible, Saneho Panza, Roger Bacon, Haroun al Raschid?
- 8.—With what famous poet is Mary Gwynne's name associated?
- 9.—What famous man of letters was satirized by W. S. Gilbert in the character of Bunthorne in "Patience"?
- 10.—Who wrote "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"; "Treasure Island"; "The Lays of Ancient Rome"; "Under Two Flags"?
- 11.—In whose reign did Daniel Defoe live?
- 12.—In what modern novel is there a family nicknamed "Sanger's Circus"?

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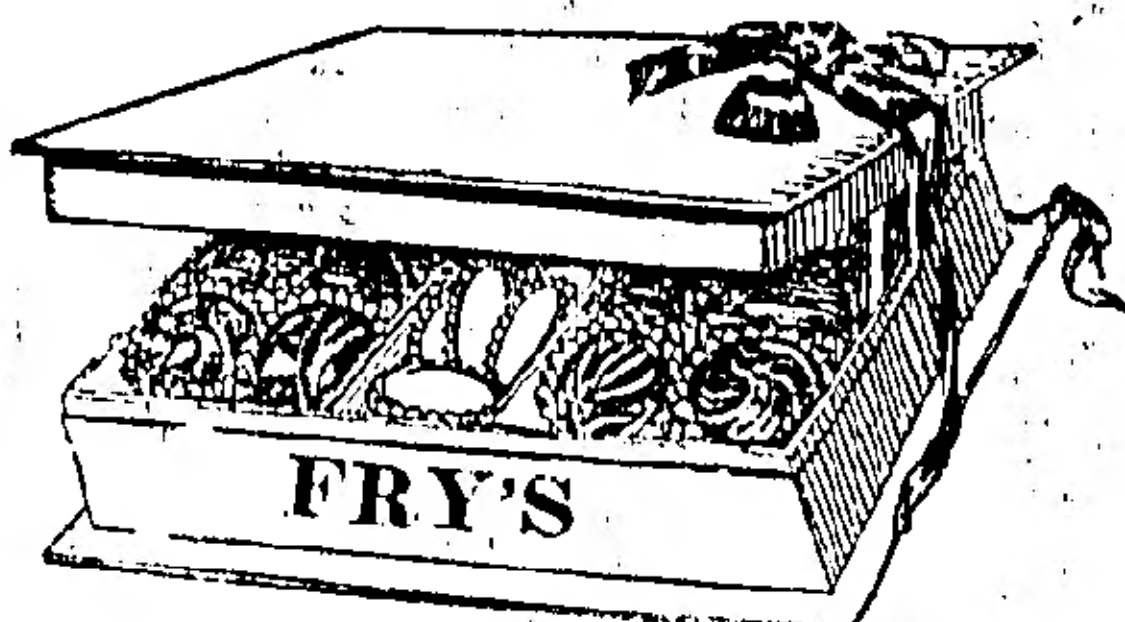
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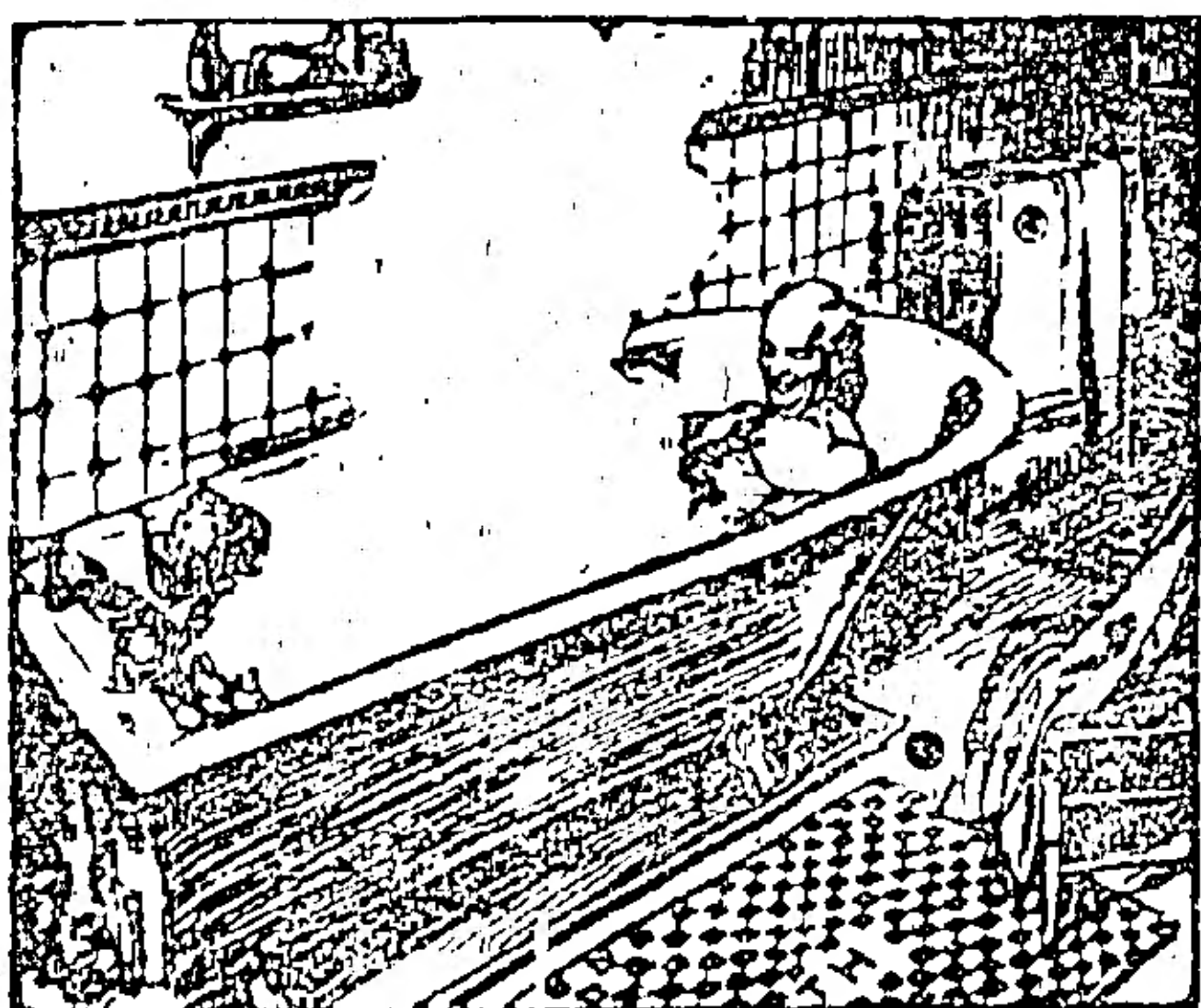
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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A. WIN BY TWO CLEAR.

[By "Wanderer".]

In a sense, the Police were unlucky to concede both points to the Artillery in the Senior League match played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Their forwards had no difficulty in carrying the ball down, but many comfortably easy chances were thrown away by inaccurate shooting.

If anything Tombs had more to do than Clarke, and he performed exceedingly well, including the making of a fine save from Wynne from a penalty award.

Towards the end of an evenly contested first half, Leach netted for the R.A. with a brilliant shot, and some fifteen minutes after the interval the same player defeated Clarke for the second time.

No further score accrued, though both goals had narrow escapes.

The Royal Artillery were a trifle quicker on the ball, and a better understanding largely accounted for their success. Individually, several of the Police players did well. Wynne was his usual self, and Howarth promised much in the forward line, though his shooting proved unsuccessful.

The football was fast, though a high standard of play was never reached. The ball was kept freely on the move, and end to end play was generally the order.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Results and Fixtures.

The following are the results of the past week in the Hongkong Garrison Football League:

October 13th.

Royal Engineers 1, R.A.O.C. 3.
31 II Battery, R.A. 1, C. Co., K.O.S.B. 1.

October 18th.

R.A.M.C. 4, 12th H. Batt., R.A. 5.
"A" Co., K.O.S.B. 1, 29th H. Batt., R.A. 0.
"B" Co., K.O.S.B. 1, H.Q.s., K.O.S.B. 0.

Fixtures.

The following are the fixtures for the coming week:

October 25th.—C. Coy. K.O.S.B. v. Engineers. (Referee Sgt. Green, R.A.); R.A.O.C. v. 31st H. Batt., R.A. (Referee Sgt. Hyslop, R.A.M.C.).

October 26th.—20th H. Batt., R.A. v. D. Coy. K.O.S.B. (Referee Cpl. Lees, R.A.M.C.).

October 27th.—12th H. Batt., R.A. v. B. Coy. K.O.S.B. (Referee C. S. M. Brandrick, 1st Northants); H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B. v. R.A.M.C. (Referee 1/Cpl. Perkins, 1st Northants).

All matches are at Sookunpoo. Kick off at 4.30 p.m.

New Ground at Kowloon.

It has been decided that the new Army Football Ground adjoining the grounds of The United Services Recreation Club will be called "Chatham Road Army Football Ground." The entrance is in Chatham Road near Hung Hom Railway Bridge. Hung Hom and Kowloon City buses pass the ground.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

Y.M.C.A. COMPETITIONS.

In a competition billiards match played at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening, the Residents defeated the Non-Residents by 693 points to 636, the scores being:

Residents.

W. Taylor 150
W. L. Walker 133
P. Jack 110
C. Evans 150
T. Richards 150

Total 693

Non-Residents.

E. R. Ponsford 126
F. Cowherd 150
E. Greenhalgh 150
B. Rogers 105
J. P. Murray 105

Total 636

The game arranged between Guardsman Hine and Bandmaster Crosswell had to be cancelled, but "Mr. X" of the Y.M.C.A. will fill the latter's place on Saturday evening, the match commencing at 8.30 p.m.

SHANGHAI BATSMEN
IN ACTION.

INTERPORT TEAM'S GOOD
SHOWING.

MADAR SCORES 73.

The Shanghai Interport XI last Saturday drew with the Shanghai Cricket Club in one of their final practice games before making the trip to Hongkong. Neither side was out at full strength the Club especially fielding a very mixed eleven, volunteers having to be called upon at the last moment to fill gaps in the side. It was therefore not surprising that the Interport XI had the better of the draw, declaring at 166 for seven, and getting eight Club wickets for 91 runs, before stumps were drawn on account of fading light.

The game was chiefly remarkable for the unusual sight of spectators wrapping themselves in heavy coats to watch a cricket match, and for a remarkably fine innings by Pat Madar, who opened for the Interport XI with Hegarty. The two played sound, if cautious, cricket for some time, bringing the total to 62 before Rogers, who had relieved Lt. Com. Reed with the ball, succeeded in bowling Hegarty.

Wilson Hits Out.

Rawthorne followed Hegarty soon afterwards, beaten by the same bowler, and thereafter something of a rot set in until Torry Wilson arrived at the crease and with his usual enterprise set about the bowling. In a sparkling 24 he had one glorious six to his credit, before he was well caught by Stewart off Carr. Madar was still going strong and the total had reached 151.

Issacs left after scoring nine, and Peck joined Madar. The innings was declared closed when Madar was caught out of his crease while the pair attempted a short one. The total stood then at 166.

The S.C.C. started disastrously. With his first ball Isaacs clean bowled General MacNaughten. In Wilson's first over Duckitt was taken by Hegarty, without scoring. Stewart stayed a while, but he too, left without having broken his duck. Lt. Com. Reed and Dr. Morris made a semblance of a stand, but Wilson had found a spot and the batsmen had any amount of difficulty with his deliveries.

Morris was bowled with 16 to his credit. Lt. Com. Reed left immediately afterwards with 23, which eventually proved to be top score. Carr was the only other batsman to do anything worthy of mention. The light falling rapidly appeared to handicap the batsmen, and Norman and Meyers left quickly. Carr and Rogers played out time.

The Scores.

The scores and analyses follow:

Interport XI.

P. Madar, run out 73
J. T. Hegarty, b. Rogers 27
T. L. Rawthorne, b. Rogers 6
C. E. Baker, b. Duckitt 4
C. E. Ollerdesen, b. Rogers 1
T. W. R. Wilson, c. Stewart, b. Carr 24
J. A. Isaacs, c. Duckitt, b. Reed 9
H. C. B. Peck, not out 0
E. G. Barnes, D. W. Leach, E. I. M. Barrett, did not bat 0
Extras 22

Total (for seven wickets) 166

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
P. Carr 12 2 24 1
Lt. Com. Reed 10 2 26 1
H. Rogers 10 1 38 3
Duckitt 8 3 31 1
MacNaughten 2 2 25 0

S. C. C.

E. B. MacNaughten, b. Isaacs 0
E. R. Duckitt, c. Hegarty, b. Wilson 0
G. A. Stewart, b. Wilson 0
Lt. Com. Reed, b. Wilson 23
H. H. Morris, b. Wilson 16
P. Carr, not out 20
E. S. Norman, c. Peck, b. C. E. Ollerdesen 6
H. Rogers, not out 1
N. F. Meyers, b. Rawthorne 4
T. G. Brady, c. Baker, b. Ollerdesen 2
Extras 2
Total (for eight wickets) 91

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Isaacs 8 4 12 1
Wilson 18 4 22 4
Rawthorne 10 2 25 1
Ollerdesen 5 2 18 2

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next; October 22nd) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on October 22nd:—

DIVISION I.

Birmingham v. Bury
Blackburn v. Leicester
Bolton v. Liverpool

DIVISION II.

Stoke v. Barnsley
West Brom. v. Swans

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Exeter v. Watford
Luton v. Newport

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Barrow v. Bradford C.
Chesterfield v. Darlington

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Celtic
Airdrie v. Bo'ness
Clyde v. Hibernians

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Before sending in your coupons, copy the list of your forecasts. Compare this later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG BADLY BEATEN.

A telegram has been received in the Colony to-day from Manila giving the results of the matches played yesterday in the Interport golf contest.

Hongkong lost all the fourfomes, Manila securing two points for each win—or six points on the day's play. On both singles and fourfomes, Manila wins the Interport by a total of ten points to two.

The result of the four-ball fourfome was as follows:

G.M. Ivory and Cranton (Manila) beat C.C. Stark and F. J. de Rome (Hongkong) 6 up and 4 to play.
E. J. Nell and Capt. Fielder (Manila) beat Capt. Erskine and Lt. Corndr. Brown, 4 and 3.
J.R.H. Mason and B.F. Few (Manila) beat Capt. Bloxham and T.G. Bennett (Hongkong) 3 and 2.

UZCUDUN HAS A
STRAIN.

CANNOT BOX PHIL SCOTT.

New York, Oct. 19.
The managers of Paolino Uzcudun announce that he has strained his back in training, and will be unable to fight Phil Scott, on November 4, as arranged on October 10.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Quite one of the most charming Prizma colour films that has yet been screened in Hongkong is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day along with the mystery drama "The Cat and the Canary." This Prizma colour film is called "On the Trek" and it gives some charming glimpses of the beautiful Rider Haggard country in Africa.

SIAM POLL TAX
EVASION.

POLICE ACCOST CHINESE
RESIDENTS.

Bangkok, Oct. 8.
Quite a common sight in Bangkok these days is that of a policeman interrogating a passing Chinese and demanding the production of his receipt for payment of the poll tax.

Up to last year the authorities did not trouble much whether the tax was paid or not, with the result that the State lost considerable revenue.

But with the wave of economy, there also came the desire to secure all possible revenue, and it was decided to adopt strict measures to compel the people to pay their tax, amounting to T.S. 6 per annum per person. The period for this year's payment expired at the end of last month, and now the police are finding out those who have defaulted.

Defaulters are taken into custody and made to work for fifteen days on some public scheme. During that period they are sheltered and fed, and their life is not at all bad. But one cannot regard the system of finding out defaulters as very satisfactory.

SALE OF MOTOR CARS.

ANOTHER HIRE PURCHASE
AGREEMENT QUASHED.

Another hire purchase agreement in Singapore has gone by the board, as the result of a decision given by Mr. Justice Deane in the Supreme Court on Thursday last.

On the previous day, Borneo Motors, Ltd. were ordered to pay \$936 to a client whose car they had seized when the payments which were due under an agreement, were not paid.

On Thursday the plaintiffs were two Malaysians, Atin bin Junus and Abdul bin Rajah, who sued Megah Singh for seizing a Ford motor car, which the defendant had sold to them, and seized when the plaintiffs defaulted in payment.

For the plaintiffs, Mr. Smith submitted that the agreement could not be enforced, and that the first plaintiff, who had paid deposits and instalments on the car, was entitled to damages for trespass. Section 92 of the Evidence Ordinance again came into play when Mr. Thumasingham, who appeared for the defendant attempted to prove that the car had not passed into the ownership of the plaintiffs. He argued that although the document contained the words "I have sold," it was not conclusive evidence that ownership had passed from one to the other.

His Lordship refused to allow him to cross-examine on this point and ruled that the words could only mean that the defendant had sold the car and, therefore, was no longer the owner.

At the conclusion of the case, His Lordship awarded the plaintiff \$939 and costs.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

A MALAYAN VISITOR.

Mr. H. G. L. Richards, who has been selected as a member of the Malaysian cricket team which will visit Hongkong next month, has, says the *Straits Times*, been connected with Selangor cricket for a number of years and is still a very valuable player.

He has been a resident of the Kuala Selangor district since 1911, and represented Selangor against Singapore in 1914. He played for Selangor in all that team's matches last year.

WEARY CHESS.

LISTLESS DRAWN GAMES.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 19.
The fifteenth game between Capablanca and Alekhine, in the world's chess championship series, has been drawn, after three hours' listless play.

The sixteenth game has also been drawn, after 24 moves.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club in their League Match against the Royal Garrison Artillery on Saturday, October 22, on the I.R.C. ground:—
J. S. Ackber, F. M. el Arguill, J. S. A. Curreen, S. A. R. Ismail, S. H. Ismail (Capt.), A. H. Madar, A. K. Minn, A. R. Minn, A. H. Rummah, S. D. Ismail and T. Hamet.

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Under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. an appreciative audience consisting of officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Scots Guard attended a concert at Nanking Barracks, Shanghai on Tuesday. The programme which was arranged by Mrs. F. J. Jenner, provided plenty of diversion and was of an extremely enjoyable nature.

Mr. Palmer commenced the programme with dulcimer selections, and, accompanied by Mr. Russell, gave a pleasant rendering of "West of the Great Divides." Miss Doris Puncheon, charmed her listeners with "Valley of Laughter," and Mr. Jack Grenham caught the popular fancy with "The photo of the girl I left behind me." He also sang "It all comes out of the rates."

Mrs. W. Robson's soprano voice heard to great advantage in "My Dear Soul" and "Love's a Marching." Two tenor songs by Mr. Frank Lewis, entitled "Mountain Lovers" and "I care not," were exceptionally good. Mrs. F. J. Jenner's monologue "Orange Peel" caused much laughter and her encore cosmopolitan interpretations of "Little Miss Muffet" was even better. Eng. Lieut. Com. Bedell gave a laughable rendering of "The Playwright" and "Heroes," and Mr. Davidson's manipulation of the banjo was clever and deservedly encored. Mr. Hills was amusing in his song "Any Ice To-day."

The second part of the programme began with a clever "rope trick" by Mr. Lane, after which Mr. Robson sang "Slave Song," rendering "Joyous Bird" as an encore. Eng. Lieut. Com. Bedells asked "Wot vur do ee luv oi" and as an encore gave "Continued in our next." Miss Doris Puncheon and Mr. Jack Grenham again contributed, the former with songs and the latter with funny stories, after which Mr. Russell sang the "Prisoner's Song" for which, as an encore, he gave "Love's Old Sweet Song." Mr. Hill convulsed the audience with his "Wreck of the Xmas Leave Train."

Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L. was the accompanist. At the conclusion, Lieut. Col. Sir Victor A.F. Mackenzie, D.S.O., M.V.O., the Officer Commanding, thanked Mrs. Jenner and the artists for a happy evening's entertainment.

WAYS OF EARNING
LIVING.

"HIGGLERS," "EYES FILERS"
AND "BANDERS."

In this country alone, there are over 16,000 different ways of earning a living, says a Home paper.

This is revealed in a new dictionary of occupations which has taken statistical experts at the Ministry of Labour over five years to compile.

Some of these occupations, writes a *Daily Chronicle* representative, have the quaintest titles imaginable. The following are typical specimens: Mrs. shifter, Higgle, Bander, Eye filer.

A "Mrs. shifter" is a woman who works at a shifting machine in a jute factory, while a "bander" is concerned with the making of cigar bands.

"To higgle" is to hawk or peddle provisions. The mysterious "eye filer" is not a gentleman who files human eyes, but one of thousands in the country who turn an honest penny by filing eyes in needles.

The "Babbitters" are not, as might be imagined, a disciple of Sinclair Lewis's famous book—but simply a worker in babbitt, a specialised form of metal.

The "cuff bottom holder," the "whipthong maker," the "quill pen cutter," the "ramrod grinder," and the "chair nail stamper"—other quaintly worded callings taken at random from the Census—are, perhaps, self-explanatory.

Other strangely named jobs are those of the "petty chapman," the "pikelet seller," the rulleymen, and the "bumboat man."

All these are regularly followed callings. A bumboat, for instance, can be either a scavenger's boat for removing refuse from ships or a boat for conveying provisions, fruit, &c., for sale to vessels in port or off shore.

The new dictionary of occupations is the outcome of a resolution passed at a conference of statistical experts from all parts of the Empire in London in 1920. It will consist of over 600 pages.

The mystery of the aeroplane wreckage found washed up on the beach at Newquay a few weeks ago has been cleared up. The Air Ministry stated yesterday that the wreckage was part of an ordinary aircraft practice glider used by the Royal Air Force as a target. These gliders, without engines, are generally attached to the tail of an aeroplane, left in the air, and destroyed by gunfire.

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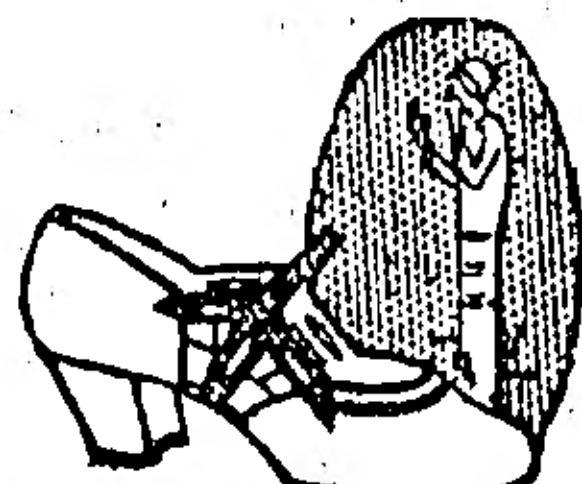
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SERVICE CRICKET.

ALL DAY MATCH ON CLUB GROUND.

Playing on the Club ground yesterday the Royal Navy played a drawn game with the Royal Air Force. The Air Force batted first and were all out before the fifth interval with 90 runs to their credit. The Navy replied with 100 runs with Lt. Garrett scoring 75.

Going in a second time the Air Force scored 103 for six wickets when stumps were drawn.

The full scores are:

R. A. F.	
A. W. Brace, b. Lieut. Garrett	3
Lt. Hunt, R.M., c. Mid. Johnson	2
b. Eng. Com. Spalding	2
Fl. Lt. Gairdner, lb.w., b. Lieut. Garrett	1
L. A. C. Buckland, R.A.F., c. A/B. Fogarty, b. Eng. Com. Spalding	1
L. A. C. Sinner, R.A.F., lb.w., b. Lieut. Garrett	18
Plying Officer Mellon, c. Surg. Com. Hull, b. Mid. Johnson	18
Lieut. Hale, R.N., run out	20
A/C. I. Reeks, c. Lt. Com. Agnew	0
b. Eng. Com. Spalding	0
L. A. C. French, c. Payr. Com. Elstol, b. Lt. Garrett	3
Sergt. Watkins, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	90

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Eng. Com. Spalding	10	3	13	3
Lt. Garrett	12	3	22	5
Surg. Com. Hull	4	—	24	—
Mid. Johnson	1	—	3	1

At the fifth interval the Royal Navy had lost two wickets for eleven runs.

Royal Navy.

Lieut. Garrett, c. Fl. Lt. Gairdner	75
b. A/C. I. Reeks	9
Lt. Com. Agnew, b. Lt. Dale	2
Surg. Com. Hull, c. Fl. Lt. Gairdner	2
b. Lt. Dale	2
Payr. Com. Elstol, c. Lt. Dale, b. Reeks	32
Lt. Tate, c. Lt. Hale, b. A/C. I. Reeks	30
Eng. Com. Spalding, c. Fl. Lt. Gairdner, b. French	3
Mid. Johnson, c. Sergt. Watkins	14
Lt. Com. Barter, b. Lt. Dale	11
Lt. Com. Shaw, run out	9
Mid. Atkinson, not out	4
Extras	1
Total	190

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Dale	14	5	59	4
L. A. C. French	10	1	42	1
A/C. I. Reeks	5	—	21	2
A. W. Brace	17	3	57	1

Second Innings R. A. F.

A. W. Brace, c. and b. Eng. Com. Spalding	19
Lt. Hunt, b. Eng. Com. Spalding	23
Fl. Lt. Gairdner, c. Johnston, b. Hull	10
L. A. C. Sinner, b. Eng. Com. Spalding	6
Lt. Hale, not out	22
Lt. Dale, b. Eng. Com. Spalding	0
L. A. C. Buckland, b. Lt. Com. Agnew	8
P. O. Mellon, not out	7
Extras	8
Total (for six wickets)	103

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Surg. Com. Hull	9	0	48	1
Lt. Tate	3	0	13	0
Eng. Com. Spalding	5	2	7	4
Lt. Com. Agnew	2	0	14	1
Lt. Com. Barter	2	0	8	0
Mid. Atkinson	1	0	5	0

L.R.C. (B) v. Royal Navy.

In the above League match, to be played on the Navy Ground at 2.15 p.m. sharp on Saturday, the following will represent the L.R.C.:—
Sirdar Khan, (Captain) M. P. Madar, A. S. Sullind, I. Hassan, V. T. Mans, U. T. Thad, D. Mohamad, A. Rahmin, S. A. R. Bux, A. Butt, and S. A. Hussain.

PING PONG.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

In the Ladies' Singles Tourney, Miss Rose Kwok beat Miss Wong Yuen-lan, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2, thus entering the Final. Miss Ruttonjee has also entered the Semi-final stage by defeating Miss Remedios in three straight sets and will meet Miss Wong Sui-lan, at the University Union this evening. The Final will be played off to-morrow.

League Matches.

Playing in the League, South China defeated St. Peter's and Chinese Athletic defeated Catholic Y. M. S., the latest positions of the various teams being:

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
G. A. A.	7	7	0	14
S. C. A. A.	7	6	1	12
Y. M. C. A.	6	5	1	10
Hop Ying	4	3	1	6
H. K. U.	4	2	2	4
Tutorial	3	3	3	6
St. Peter's	3	2	4	4
W. Y. College	3	2	4	4
St. Louis	5	1	4	2
C. C. Y. M. S.	0	0	6	0
Club de Recreo	7	0	7	0

The trading of the Naval Canton Service last year resulted in over £30,000 being handed over to the Navy.

HOCKEY.

LADIES' TEAM TO PLAY ON SATURDAY.

The following will represent the European Y. M. C. A. second eleven in their hockey match, with the University second team to-day: G. Miles, R. W. Sapsed, E. R. Robinson, Jeffries, A. W. Ashby, W. Borrowman, P. Sands, T. Seddon, W. Hyde, F. E. G. Munn and J. Murphy, Reserve, L. Jack.

The Y. M. C. A. will play a friendly game against the Helena May team on Saturday, when they will be represented by the following: R. Donner, Jeffries, C. Terry, E. R. Robinson, J. Gardner, W. C. Lawson, P. Sands, T. Seddon, W. R. Green, Haigh, R. Murray and F. E. G. Munn.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC ELEVEN.

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club in their match with H.M.S. Tamar at King's Park on Saturday.—S. J. Clarke, L. de Rome, J. C. Dunbar, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny, W. N. H. Murdock, G. Murray, W. B. Muskett, F. Normington, S. J. Stanesby and J. R. Way (capt.). Reserves, H. F. Akehurst and H. S. Jones.

The Post Office special investigation department is inquiring into the disappearance of notes, understood to amount to between £8,000 and £10,000, from a mail bag while being conveyed from Bournemouth to London. One of the bags on the evening mail train was apparently tampered with somewhere on the journey, and the notes abstracted. Although the police and railway authorities are very reticent regarding the details of the robbery, they are understood to be convinced that the thieves had inside knowledge of the transit of valuable packages, and cleverly planned to steal them. The bag was consigned from the Bournemouth branch of the National Provincial Bank to London by the 6.38 express.

In a report issued by the Jewish Health Organisation of Great Britain it is stated that the prevalence of left-handedness among Jewish children, in comparison with non-Jewish, forms the subject of an investigation by the council of the organisation, in conjunction with the headmasters and headmistresses of a number of elementary schools.



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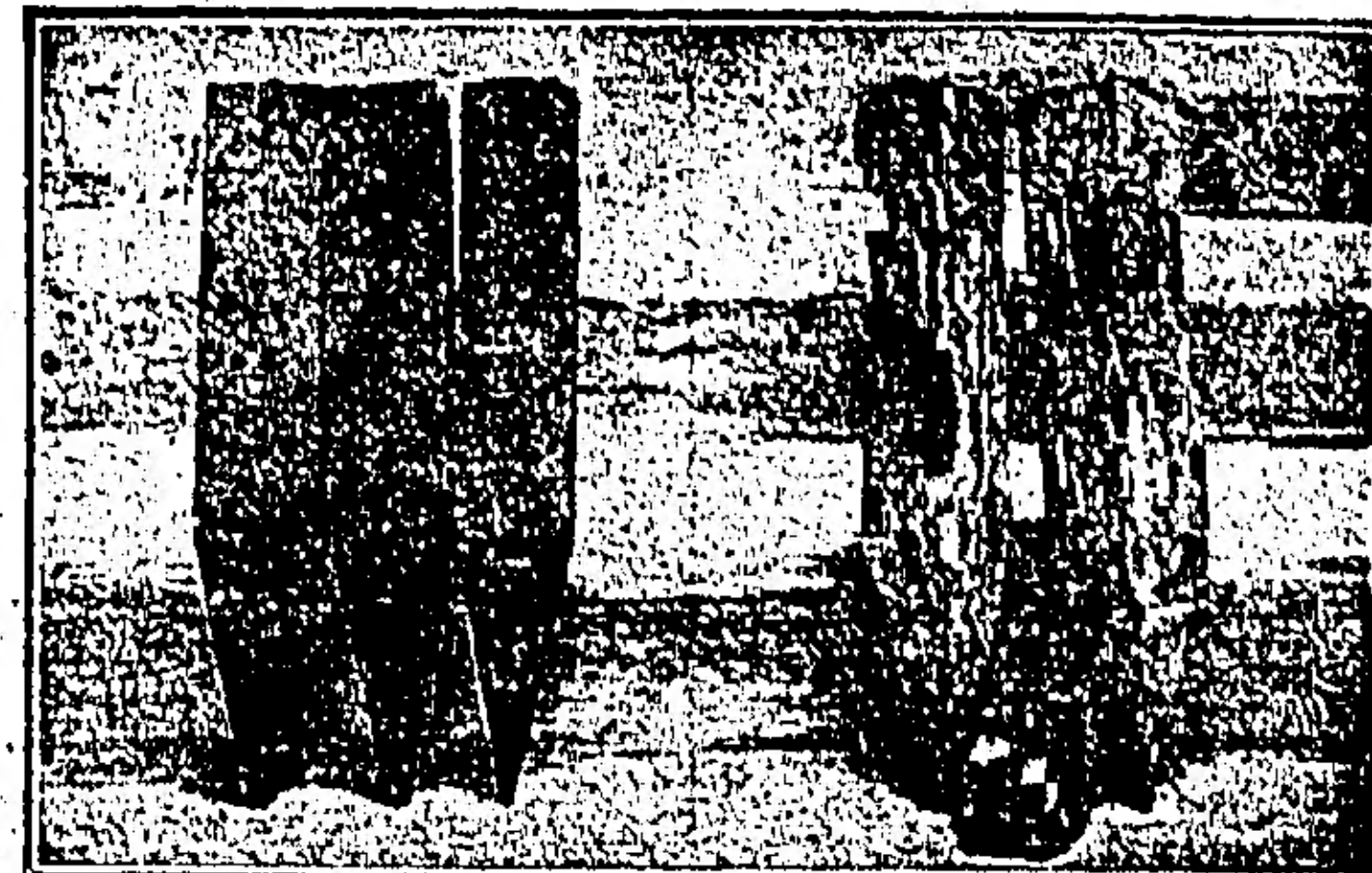
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SYNOPSIS.

Sir Charles Merafield, a member of an old Devonshire family, a good sportsman, but not a man for whom anyone had much respect, is overheard in a heated argument with his wife, formerly Miss Mary Sheen, a well-known traveller, by Mr. Franks, a local solicitor and Clerk to the Justices. Mr. Franks receives a letter from his friend, Major Overbury, a distinguished solicitor and barrister, saying he has been invited to stay at Merafield Tower. Early one morning Franks is summoned by Lady Merafield, who tells him her husband has been murdered.

She asks him for advice, and hints that it may be a matter of friendship for someone.

CHAPTER IV.

Lady Merafield's words, it seemed, her appeal for friendship, and asking me to aid her, must mean but one thing.

That was what she meant by it—Overbury!

Somebody had told her I was Overbury's friend; perhaps Overbury himself.

I thought deeply and long about the results of going any further with her. My judgment was against it. I suppose a mixture of curiosity and anxiety about Overbury prevailed. At last I said I would listen to her, but only on one condition—that she telephoned immediately for the police. I gave her the telephone number of the sergeant, Hillson, who lived near the station, and she rang the bell for Mason.

"Hillson," I said, "can hardly get here for half an hour. In that time you must tell me what you want to tell, and if I can give you any advice I will. But immediately Hillson arrives the whole thing must be handed over to him."

She made no answer till the butler appeared.

"Mason," she said, "telephone at once to the police—Sergeant Hillson—and ask him to send here. Say there has been an accident, and that Sir Charles Merafield is dead."

The butler stared at her as in awe.

"Very good, my lady," said he, in a shaking voice, and went away.

"Now, Lady Merafield," I began, "time is valuable. If I am to be of any use, you must take me completely into your confidence. You believe Sir Charles has been murdered? There is no suggestion of suicide?"

She shook her head.

"I thought not. You realise—or do you realise—that this is going to be very terrible for everybody, and that you've made it more so by the delay. The only thing now is—all cards on the table."

"Naturally." (I was beginning to detect this litany of "naturally" and "of course," recited in her calm and measured accents).

"But I want one assurance from you, Mr. Franks, before I answer any questions you may ask. Whatever passes between us now before the police arrive must be between us alone—never divulged to anybody. There are two Mr. Franks. One of them, the official, is not in this room. The other, the friend, is talking to me."

Again, in the conflict between judgment and curiosity, judgment went down. I agreed to the terms, but made one condition of my own. She was to assure me that she did not know who committed the crime and suspected nobody. She did so without hesitation. She was not so stupid, she said, as to ask me to hide a criminal. She looked me straight in the eyes, and I believed her.

Then I began my interrogation. She had no reason to suppose that Sir Charles possessed any enemy who would be likely to shoot him. There was nothing to show that he went in fear of anybody.

"Your own relations with him," I asked.

"Quite polite. I had a slight difference of opinion with him a few days ago. I fancy you must have heard something of it on Sunday afternoon."

This cool, surprising woman! In the two seconds it had taken me to pass the gate in the wood she had seen me. She had known that their voices were raised. She had sent for me now. What was one to make of this inscrutable woman?

For the moment I passed the point.

"About last night," I said, "was it usual for Sir Charles to sit up in his study after the house-

"I think not unusual. But I must tell you that the relations between Sir Charles Merafield and

me were purely formal, and I do not know his habits closely. From my window I have often seen the light late at night in his study. It is the ground floor of the tower there."

She pointed down into the courtyard.

"Were there many people in the house last night?" I asked.

"Only two guests," she said. "They were Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside and Major Wilson Overbury."

Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside was a friend of Sir Charles who had been invited to stay at the same time as Major Overbury. She knew nothing about this lady except that she had been on the stage, and had never seen her till now.

"And Major Wilson Overbury?" I said.

"I thought we were to put all cards on the table, Mr. Franks. You don't want me to tell you anything about Major Overbury?"

I pulled up, reflecting. It was true that I knew Overbury fairly well, but I was ignorant of anything in his relations with Merafield except what he had told me in his letter.

"I fear my Overbury card is not a trump," said I at last. "I know him only as an able barrister to whom I have been able to give some briefs. I know something of his war record. He is partial to me. And that is all—except that he wrote a few days ago saying that he was coming to stay with Sir Charles Merafield, a club acquaintance whom he hardly knew and did not like particularly much. Now, show your card. Tell me all you know about Major Overbury."

"I can't. It is too long, and doesn't matter. I have known him for many years, but he was unaware of my marriage. As you say, he had only a slight acquaintance with Sir Charles Merafield, and he came down merely for sport. I had learnt of the invitation, and implored Sir Charles to cancel it. I did not want Major Overbury here. For reasons of his own Sir Charles refused."

It was delicate ground. Evidently there had been something between Overbury and Miss Mary Sheen before her marriage. But there was no time to be fastidious.

"Whatever obscure reason Sir Charles had," I said, "do you think he was in any way jealous of Major Overbury?"

"Jealous?" She lingered over the word with a half smile. "I should hardly describe his motive as jealousy. But whatever it was, he insisted on the invitation."

Remembering what I had heard on the Sunday afternoon, I left it there, and passed on to find out who else were in the house that night. "Three men servants—the butler, Mason, the footman, Peters, both of whom had been in the service of Sir Charles before his marriage, and the chauffeur, Atkins, a quiet and respectable fellow," she said, "engaged about a month ago."

I made a note to ascertain what there was to know about Atkins.

Four women servants—the housekeeper, the cook, and two maids.

Mason was last up. He locked the house every night. He had made all secure and gone to bed at half-past twelve, leaving the light in the hall. Sir Charles was then in his study.

Thus there were ten other people in Merafield Tower when Sir Charles Merafield was killed. As I pursued my questions to Lady Merafield and heard her answers, my wonder and horror grew every moment.

First she said she had heard nothing material to the discovery until a quarter to three, when she was disturbed by the sound of a shot.

"You were then in your bedroom?" I asked.

"No, my friend, I was not. If I had been in my bedroom, I should not have troubled you. I should have sent immediately for the police."

"Lady Merafield!" I exclaimed, starting to my feet.

"I should have thought," she went on steadily, "it must have been plain to you that I was not likely to take this extraordinary step unless I had been in a very difficult position."

"Yes," said I sharply. "But I had no idea—how could I?—that there was anything of this sort. I am not a proper confessor to receive your confidences. I beg you—"

"My friend, my friend!" she said. "You are not asked to imagine anything, but just to hear a few sad and drab facts. At the moment when the shot was fired I

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FIGHT WITH ARMED MAN IN SHOP.

In a brave attempt to apprehend an unknown cracksmen found wandering about the house with an electric torch early last Saturday morning, a young Chinese apprentice at 299A Avenue Doh, Shanghai, was shot and killed.

Shortly after 1 a.m., the occupants of the Avenue Doh shop heard the noise of somebody walking about the place. The apprentice investigated and came upon a Chinese who going from room to room with an electric torch in his hand.

The apprentice sprang at the intruder but the man fired twice, hitting the apprentice both times and killing him. The assailant escaped. Marks on the floor indicated that the intruder had forced it open with a chisel.

was standing in the doorway of this room, where I had been talking to your friend, Major Overbury."

"Good Heavens! Lady Merafield—"

She waved my words away with a gesture.

"I told you just now that Sir Charles Merafield was a husband and no grounds for jealousy. I am not that sort of woman."

"Quite so," said I, in a maze. "But—Major Overbury was here talking to you at three in the morning—"

Then it all came out, not in a rush, but in the same quiet and easy tone.

Major Overbury and Miss Mary Sheen had been friends for nearly ten years, but by a singular fatality he had never known her as Miss Mary Sheen.

As a girl she had travelled. In the war she was a nurse. After the war she travelled again and wrote books about her adventures. The girl-traveller and the woman-writer were Mary Sheen.

The war-time nurse in France was Sister Mary Brand—a fugitive from the anger of her soldier father, who would not hear of her going to the Front. And only the Front would content her adventurous spirit.

She spent two years in the neighbourhood of Arras with a few who were the nearest women to the fighting line, and there met Overbury, then a rather elderly subaltern. They fell in love. They were engaged to marry.

Then he discovered that "Mary Brand" was a pseudonym, and demanded to know her real identity. The stubborn Sister, having vowed to conceal it till the war was over, refused. He thought her not quite straight; she thought him unreasonable. They quarrelled and parted. Everybody's nerves were in a jangle.

After the war she waited in vain for a step to reconciliation; he waited in vain for Mary Brand to reveal herself. Their worlds were different. In five or six years they did not meet. She heard of him as a barrister occasionally; he of her never.

Then she made the fatal mistake of yielding to the temptation of marriage with the owner of Merafield Tower. She had known very little about him.

On their honeymoon she met Major Overbury accidentally in Paris. When he had spent two minutes holding her hand, anticipating the Seventh Heaven, and gawwelling about his folly, she had to tell him that she was married. He rushed away to remove himself from the temptation of murder, without even so much as asking whom she had married.

Sir Charles Merafield heard of the meeting and taunted her with it. She fiercely told him the truth, which was that she had loved Overbury and still loved him, but that she never wanted to see him again. Having some self-respect and being Lady Merafield.

"Naturally."

But the canker grew in Merafield's mind until it blotted out the sky. He nursed a mad idea of torturing them both. He joined the Fifty Two Club especially to make Overbury's acquaintance. He brought him down to Merafield Tower.

"It was a gross, insane plan to take Major Overbury by surprise and put me in a false position. It was also a personal revenge on me," she said. "I told you our relations were polite but formal. Not long after my marriage I found that Sir Charles was unfaithful. These relations dated from that day. You see the situation. You don't want more explanations?"

I bowed. "And Overbury, when he came here and found you—"

"It is very strange. We met the first night at dinner. When he saw me he looked ghastly. But Sir Charles Merafield was present, and there could be no explanation. I found an instant to warn him. He seemed strangely wrought up. He had something on his mind even then which he never revealed to me. We acted the parts of Hostess and guest and old friends.

DIPLOMAT WEDS SECRETARY.

ROMANCE OF A FORMER AMBASSADOR.

Paris, Oct. 4.

The romance that developed between a diplomat and author and his secretary had its sequel in the marriage which has taken place between Mr. Richard Washburn Child and Miss Eva Sanderson says, the Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Herald (Paris edition).

Mr. Child is a former United States Ambassador to Italy and an author. He is concerned in the arrangements for taking "talking films" of European rulers and leading statesmen, and hopes to take such a picture of the King. Apparatus for this purpose has already been sent from America to England.

His marriage took place at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Child was divorced from his first wife in Paris last October.

"The next day also we met only at dinner. Major Overbury was in a condition of excitement and worry. Yesterday Sir Charles was very ill in the morning, and did not go out all day. He recovered towards the evening. Major Overbury went off fishing by himself. After dinner we had some talk in the drawing-room, and Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside gave us music. Then she and Sir Charles went to play billiards, and Major Overbury and I followed and looked on."

"This brought us to half-past eleven. We went into the hall and stood about talking for a quarter of an hour or so. Sir Charles said he was going to read, as he did not think he could sleep. We all went up."

Lady Merafield paused and considered her next words.

"Before we went up, Major Overbury contrived to tell me privately that there was something he must say to me, urgently, at once. If I waited in my boudoir he would come there for a few moments."

"I waited here from twelve o'clock till half-past two. Then he came. He said he had been afraid to venture before because he could hear Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside moving about in her room, which was next to his. She stayed up a very long time. Major Overbury told me he was deeply depressed and anxious about something, and he was going to describe it when we heard noises downstairs, like footsteps and the opening and shutting of a door."

"We both thought Sir Charles was coming up. Though in ordinary Sir Charles never dreamed of coming to my rooms, Major Overbury was much alarmed and went out at once. I stood there in the doorway."

"Major Overbury looked over the rail of the gallery, but everything seemed quiet in the hall below. Nobody came up. Then I was astonished to see him walk round to the head of the staircase and go down. I thought I heard him say something as he went—as if speaking to himself. I could not now see him, but looking across to the other corridor I saw Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside in her dressing-gown peeping over the rail."

"Suddenly the shot came, Mrs. Ponsonby-Fernside screamed. I was startled, but stood still in the doorway. Then I saw Major Overbury come running up the staircase. His face was white and dripping perspiration. He came straight to me and wrung my hand just as Mason, wakened by the scream, ran down, followed by Peters. Mason wore his dressing-gown, and the footman had wrapped a blanket round himself."

"Then, as I told you, I led the way down to the study and found the body of Sir Charles lying on the floor. That is the whole thing, and I tell it to you as a friend."

I was aghast when Lady Merafield ended her recital. No words would come.

"And now, my friend, what is to be done?" she said.

"It is a hellish mess, Lady Merafield," I answered. "It is all wrong, all preposterous. There is only one hope—that Overbury will be as candid as you have been."

I did not doubt the truth of a single word. I only wondered whether she had told me everything.

"If I can have five minutes with Overbury before the police come," said I. "Will you take me to Overbury?"

"My friend," she said, sadly, "if I could have taken you to Major Overbury, there would have been no need of you here at all. The reason why I ask for your help is that Major Overbury is no longer here. He left within ten minutes of the discovery, and I have not seen him since."

(To be Continued.)

RUSSIAN CRACKSMEN ARRESTED.

"WANTED" GANG CAUGHT BY POLICE.

Three Russians, believed to be members of a notorious gang of cracksmen wanted by the police of several cities in China, were to appear at the French Mixed Court last week-end on a charge of attempted burglary of a shop in Boulevard Des Deux Republiques, Shanghai, on the night of October 12 and 13.

The three men were arrested by French and Settlement police on the Bund outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank after a long chase. One of arrested men owns a big car in which, the French police allege, the gang defied the police chase after several coups they pulled off.

The gang is believed to be five strong.

On Wednesday night last week, the French police came upon five Russians who were attempting to break into a shop in Boulevard des Deux Republiques. As soon as the police arrived, the Russians jumped into their car and escaped.

Next day, French detectives recognized the car which was carrying three men, and they gave chase. The pursuit started at Route Ratard and trying to intercept the car the French police took another route but missed them. Towards the Bund the car was picked up again and the chase continued, resulting in the car being overtaken and three men arrested outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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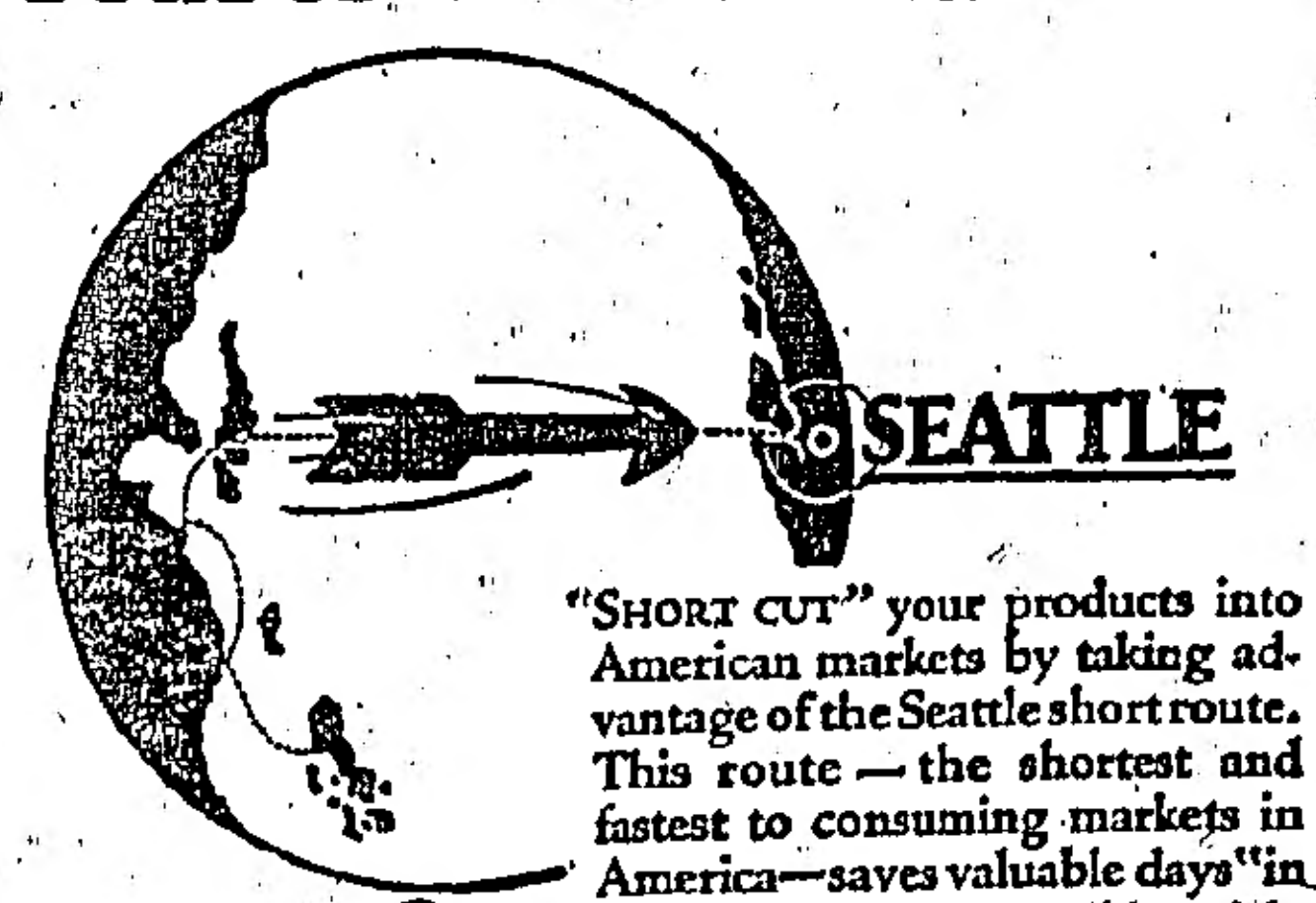
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ISADORA DUNCAN'S PRESENTIMENT.

FRIEND'S WARNING BEFORE
FATAL NIGHT DRIVE.

Nice, Sept. 15.

Isadora Duncan (whose tragic fate was reported this morning) was very popular in Nice, where she started a school of dancing a few years ago.

All day long crowds of people have visited the spot where the accident happened.

Mme. Duncan had apparently decided to buy a racing automobile, and M. Falchetto, a garage proprietor whom she had consulted, offered to take her for a trial run in a car he had for sale. The artist accepted and made an appointment with him for after dinner.

Premonition.

The dancer went to dine with a friend, Mrs. Desty, at a restaurant near her studio on the Promenade des Anglais, and towards ten o'clock M. Falchetto came along with the car.

On leaving the restaurant, Mrs. Desty had a strange presentiment.

"If wish you would not try that car to-day," she said to Madame Duncan, "I feel something dreadful will happen to you if you do."

The dancer laughed and said jokingly, "You are a pessimist, my friend. Don't worry about me. I am going to enjoy this night drive. If there were a spare seat, I'd take you with me."

Mrs. Desty could not persuade her friend, who took her place on the seat at the side but somewhat at the rear of the driver.

Fatal Spanish Shawl.

Instead of wearing a coat, Mme. Duncan had a long Spanish shawl thrown over her shoulders. Before entering the car she had made a sort of scarf of it, twisted twice round her neck.

When the machine was about to start she threw the longer end of it on to her shoulder; but it dropped loose, and its long fringe hung out at the side of the car, near the rear wheel.

Neither the driver nor Mme. Duncan noticed this.

As she waved her hand to say "An revoir" to her friend and the car started, the fringe became entangled in the wheel.

Suddenly, before Mme. Duncan could utter a word, the scarf tightened round her neck, and she was violently pulled out of the car.

Swift Strangulation.

She fell on to the pavement and her body was dragged some distance before the driver had time to realise what had happened and stop the machine.

Mme. Duncan was quickly taken to hospital, where she was found to be dead.

It is believed that death was instantaneous, and was due to strangulation. One of the arms was broken.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

HOARSENESS DUE TO MANY
INFECTIONS.

HOW TO DETECT IT.

Public speakers, ministers, actors and singers and not infrequently business men and women in various industrial plants use the voice so frequently that they suffer with hoarseness.

Some people seem to become hoarse much more easily than others. Occasionally people will be especially susceptible to inflammations of the vocal cords resulting from the attacks of bacteria. Tuberculosis of the larynx is usually secondary to tuberculosis elsewhere in the body and does not tend to recover until the general tuberculosis has been cured.

The voice may be affected either by local diseases in the upper respiratory tract or by those that affect the whole system. Among the former are the so-called head colds that begin in the nose and extend down to the throat to the voice box, or larynx, and to the windpipe, or trachea.

Sinus Infection.

Infections of the nasal sinuses, the cavities of the skull that communicate with the nose, accompanied by the formation of pus, often involve the vocal cords because the pus may drop from the nose to the throat and down into the windpipe and bronchial tubes.

Systematic conditions, such as tuberculosis, especially of the lungs, often affect the larynx. In certain occupations the inhalation of irritating dust or chemicals is likely to affect the voice.

One of the most common causes of a change in character of the voice is the improper use of it, such as very loud speaking, especially in open or in noisy or dusty places.

Caution to Speakers.

Chronic laryngitis may impair the voice to such an extent that public speaking becomes difficult or practically impossible. A public speaker should be cautious in the use of tobacco, especially its inhalation, and in the use of highly spiced foods, alcohol and other irritating substances.

The cure of vocal trouble depends largely on the cause. In many instances, if no severe or marked damage has been done to the vocal apparatus, the careful use of the voice and the avoidance of the irritants mentioned will aid in restoring the proper voice.

If there are any special defects of speech, training by one skilled in this work frequently brings gratifying results. In those cases, however, in which there has been ulceration, destruction or marked thickening in various parts of the larynx as a result of some of the conditions already mentioned, the complete restoration of a normal voice is almost impossible.

A CONDUCTOR ON KNITTING.

PROTEST TO A SEASIDE
AUDIENCE.

Dr. Malcolm Sargent, the conductor, made a protest to the audience in the pavilion on the Llandudno pier against the habit of woman knitting and people reading papers during the performances, the other day.

Asked by a Press representative his opinion of Dr. Sargent's complaint, Mr. Julius Harrison, the well-known conductor, said seaside audiences could not be expected to observe the same standards of decorum as people who regularly attended symphony concerts.

In many cases, he said, the music of seaside orchestras is appreciated merely for its soothing influence. Many good folks find that an after-dinner nap is all the more enjoyable when they are lulled to sleep by gentle melodies.

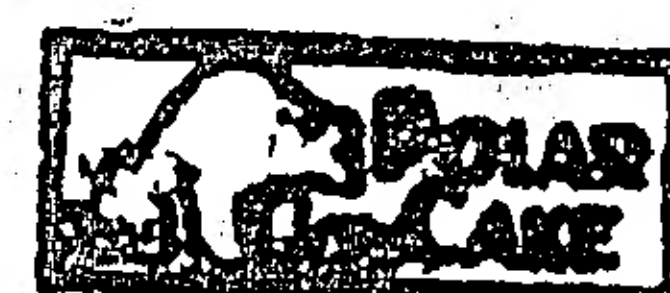
Sir Landon Ronald, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, said he had never been troubled by any such distracting influence. Of course, he said, a concert on a seaside pier is not the same thing as a concert at the Queen's Hall, and you cannot expect an audience of holiday-makers to take their music too seriously. A great many of them merely desire a little light entertainment, and if they are not sufficiently keen on the music to give it their undivided attention—well, it's no use trying to make them.

You cannot dictate to the man who pays his money at the box-office. He has a perfect right to do as he likes so long as does not create a disturbance or in any other way annoy his neighbours.

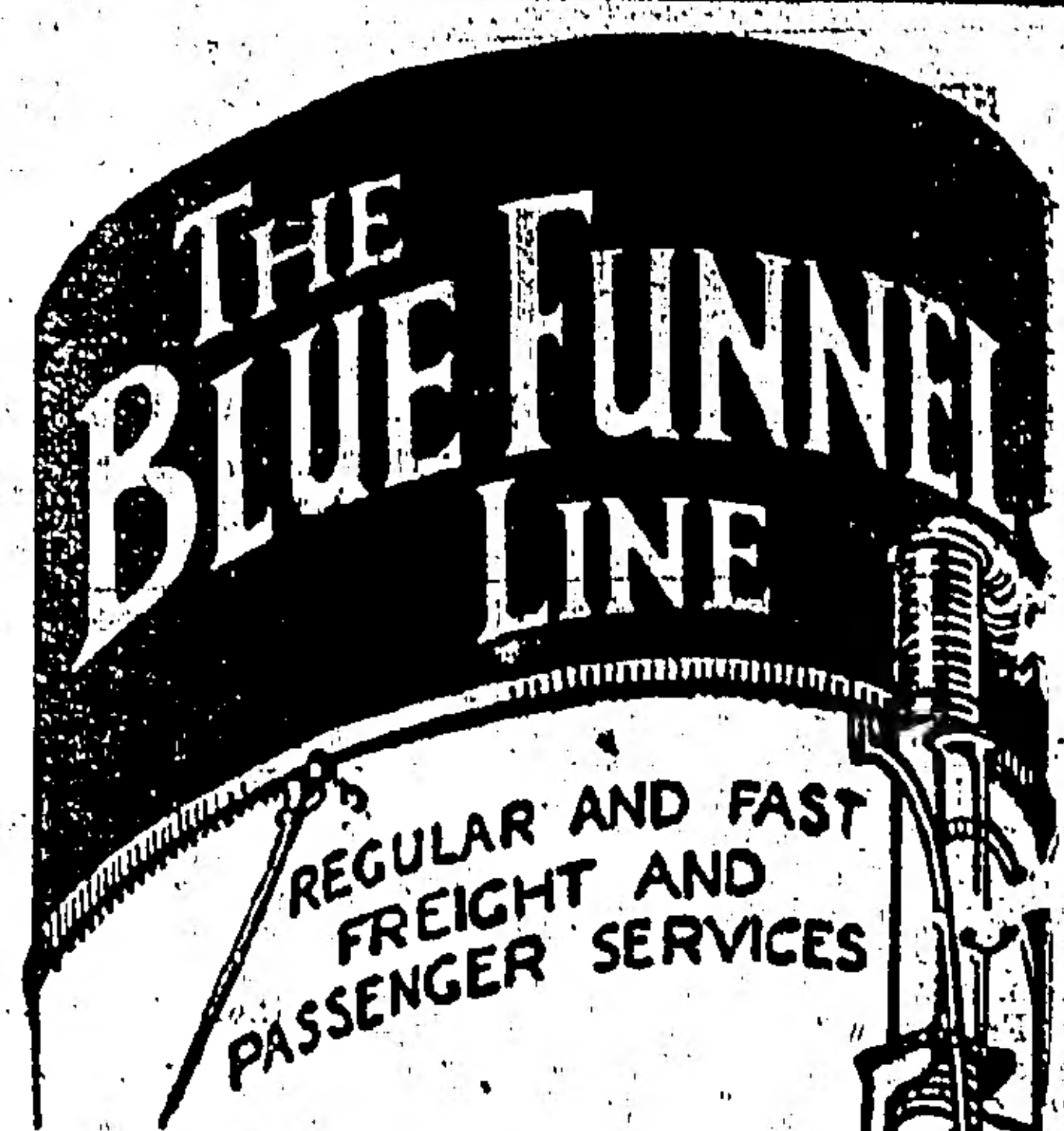
If an individual of the audience gets up and goes out while the orchestra is playing, I think a conductor is perfectly justified in pulling up and beginning the piece afresh. I have done it myself and I would do it again, said Mr. Eric Coates, Reading, and knitting however are hardly calculated to interfere with the general enjoyment of a concert.

If you give people really dull music you cannot be surprised if their ennui manifests itself in some way. I should hate to think, though, that my music was boring listeners to such an extent that they were forced to divert themselves with newspapers or knitting needles, and I may add that I have never known it to have that effect.

One has heard, of course, of people being turned out of a concert for talking, but, fortunately, incidents of that kind happen only once in a blue moon.



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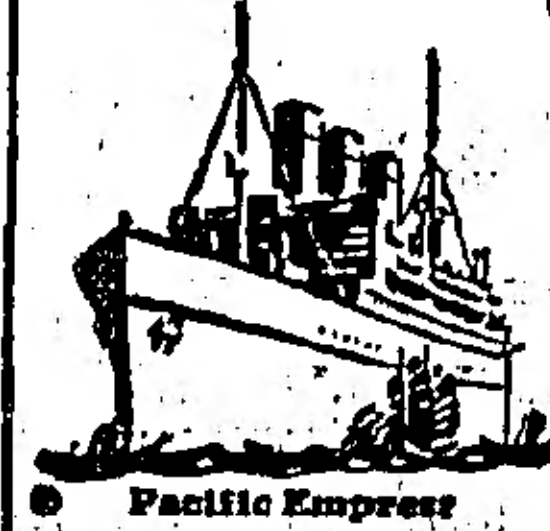
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KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	7 Jan. 1928.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
MAEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
KASHMIR	8,985	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yoko
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 Tel. C. 36. Agents.**STAGE STRUCK.****YOUNG GIRL INDUCED TO
 LEAVE HOME.**

A fourteen years Chinese girl who was induced to leave her parents' home with a man, in order to become an actress, and stayed for two nights in a house in Pitt Street, Yaumati, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. W. Schofield, to give evidence against two men Ah Fat and Tam Kin-chung who were arrested on a charge of harbouring the girl. She was also stated to have taken jewellery belonging to her mother.

Mr. E. H. Williams, of the S.C.A., prosecuted, and Sub-Inspector Fallon appeared on behalf of the Police.

It appears that the girl, living at 59 Reclamation Street, first floor, became acquainted with Ah Fat at the Hung Tak ginger factory, Wai Ching Street. The second defendant told her he would take her away for her to learn how to become an actress. She gave the jewellery to the second defendant and went to No. 41 Pitt Street, third floor, where she stayed for two nights with Ah Fat.

She was found in the vicinity of a circus near the Po Hing Theatre by her uncle, who afterwards visited the Asia Boarding House detained the second prisoner, and handed him over to the Police.

Sub-Inspector Fallon visited 41 Pitt Street and in a cubicle found a quantity of female clothing which the girl claimed as belonging to her, and also a man's suit, which was claimed by Ah Fat. He took possession of the clothes and arrested Ah Fat in the Asia Boarding House.

The principal tenant of the Pitt Street house gave evidence of the second defendant renting the cubicle and of the girl staying there. Both defendants were convicted and were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS.**INTERESTING DEBATE FOR
 TO-NIGHT.**

Particular interest centres in the debate to be held at the European Y.M.C.A. to-night as it will be the first time that ladies have taken part in one of these functions.

The ladies will be from the Helena May Institute and they will oppose the motion "That women have not justified themselves in business." The motion will be proposed by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach and seconded by Mr. C. Terry. Miss Couch will lead for the negative and she will be supported by Miss Birt.

NEW YORK TUBES.**CITY AUTHORITIES WANT TO
 PURCHASE.**

New York, Oct. 19.

The City authorities are reported to be negotiating for the purchase of all subway and elevated lines of the Inter-Borough Rapid Transit and the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit companies. The cost of acquiring the Inter-Borough system alone was estimated at \$245,000,000 in the proposed agreement recently suggested by counsel for the Rapid Transit Company. —*Reuter's American Service.*

**NAVAL MEN AND
 POLITICS.****A NEW ORDER ISSUED.**

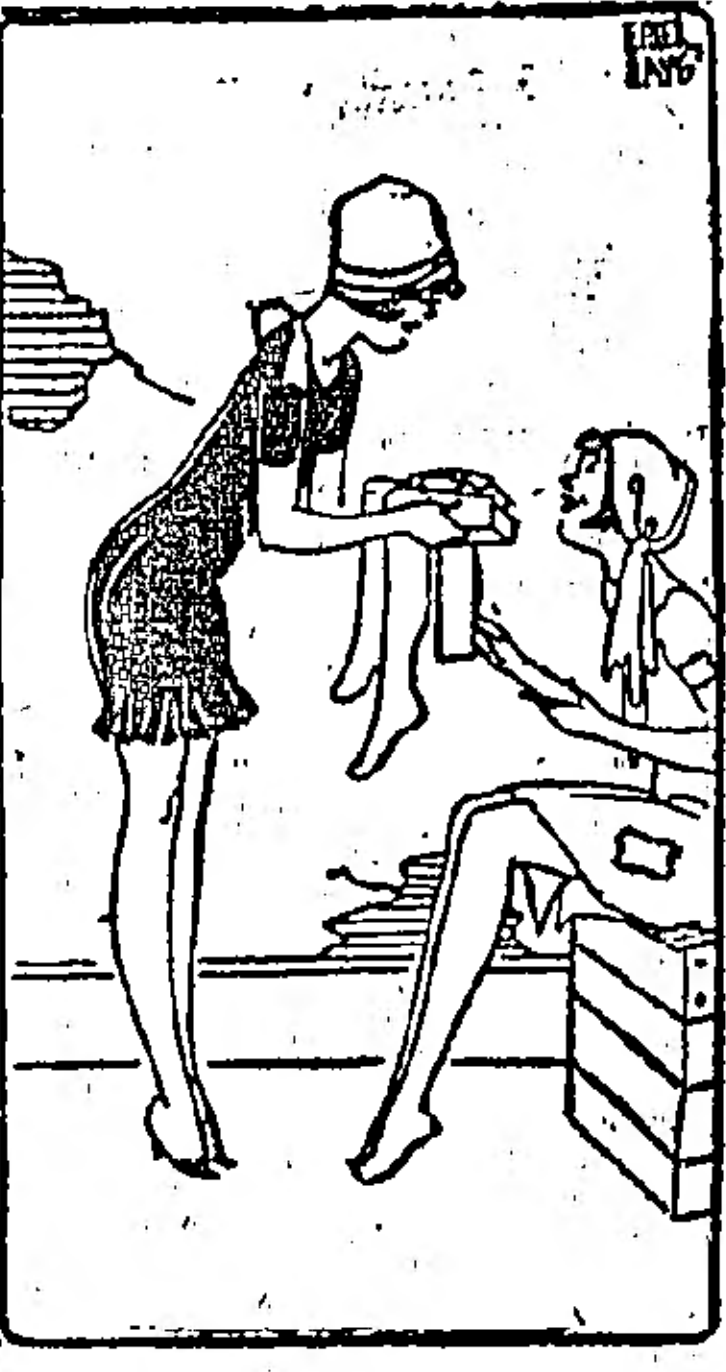
By a Fleet Order issued recently the Admiralty put an end to all political aspirations and activities on the part of officers and men of the Royal Navy. The new restrictions would have made impossible the Parliamentary interludes of Lord Charles Beresford and other officers who have sat in the House of Commons, and subsequently returned to sea.

In the new Fleet Order the Admiralty lays down that under the Servants of the Crown (Parliamentary Candidature) Order, 1927, no officer or man of the Royal Navy is permitted to issue an address to electors or in any other manner publicly to announce himself or allow himself to be announced as a candidate or a prospective candidate for election to Parliament for any constituency. This prohibition applies also to the Parliament of Northern Ireland, the Dail of the Irish Free State, and to the Malta Senate or Legislative Assembly.

Officers desirous to retire or resign, and men desirous of being discharged or transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve, with a view to standing as candidates for any of the bodies above named, must make application through the usual Service channels, and approval will depend upon the exigencies of the Service.

No officer or man is now allowed to speak at a political meeting for any party, nor to appear on a platform at such a meeting; no officer or man may serve on an election committee or in any way actively forward the interest of any political candidate. These prohibitions apply to officers and men who are unemployed or on the half-pay list, seconded or lent, or granted leave without pay. They also apply to retired officers and officers on the emergency list, and pensioners, when such are recalled for service or re-employment, and they apply to officers and men of the Reserve forces when actually serving. In other words, all officers and men of the R.N.R. or the R.N.V.R. who "happen to be called up" at an election time will be debared from all electioneering activity until their training period is ended.

Officers and men of the Navy have to keep right away from elections and politics for as long as they are on the active list or in any way connected with it.



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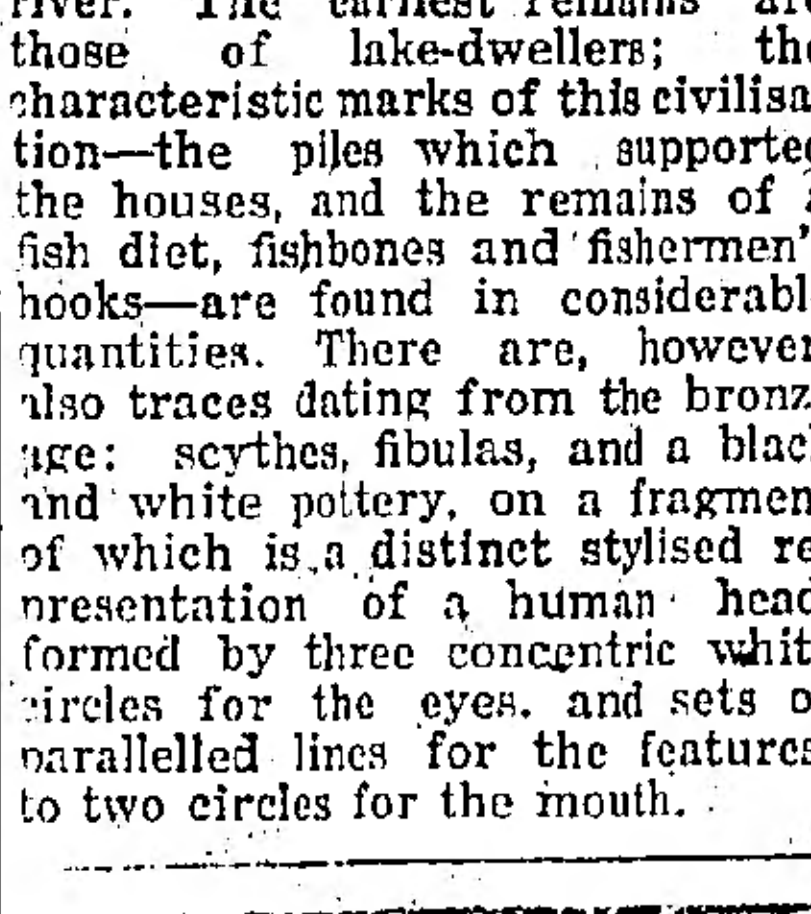
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A district a short distance down the Danube from Belgrade is now being energetically developed as a source of prehistoric remains. This is the country round Fanti-chovo, on the Hungarian side of the river. The earliest remains are those of lake-dwellers; the characteristic marks of this civilisation—the piles which supported the houses, and the remains of a fish diet, fishbones and fishermen's hooks—are found in considerable quantities. There are, however, also traces dating from the bronze age: scythes, fibulas, and a black and white pottery, on a fragment of which is a distinct stylised representation of a human head, formed by three concentric white circles for the eyes, and sets of parallel lines for the features, to two circles for the mouth.



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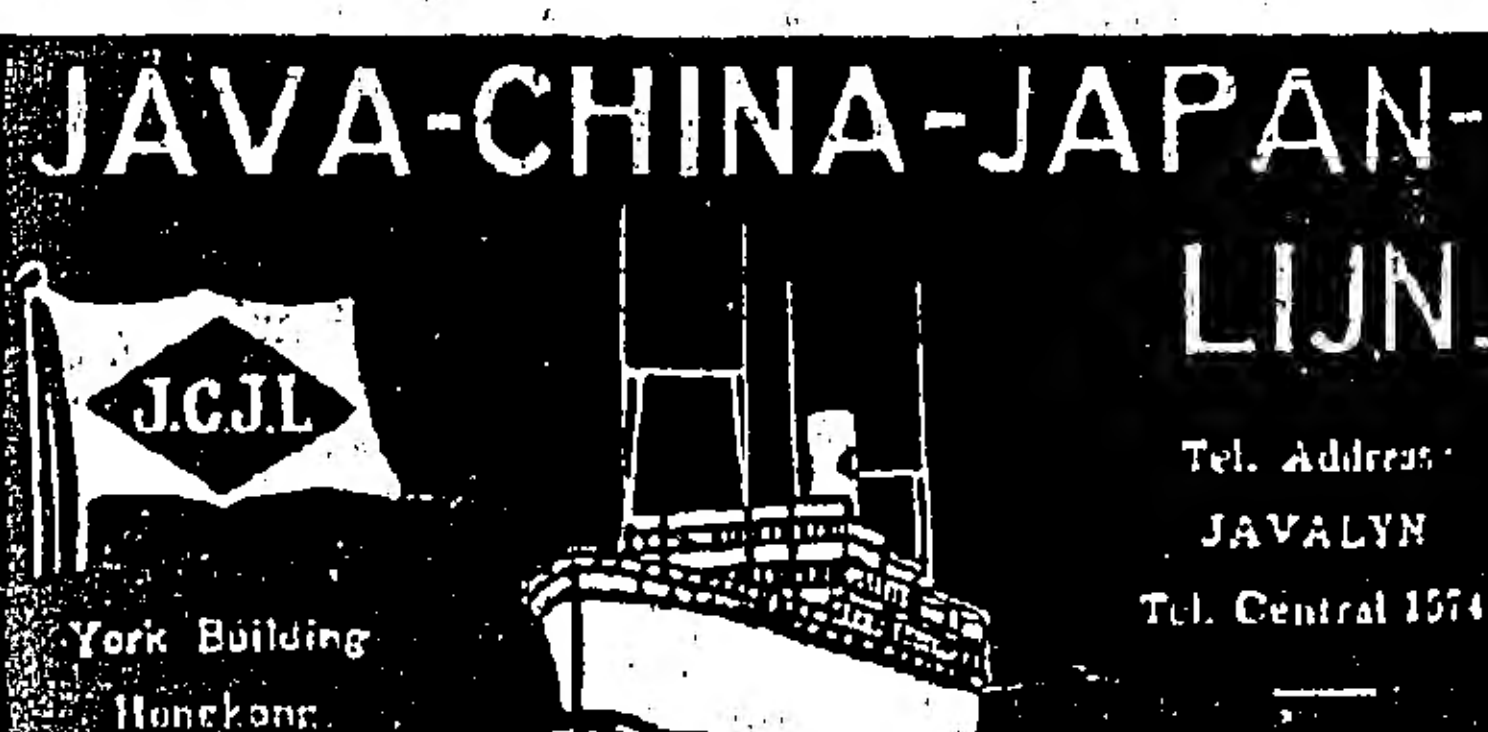
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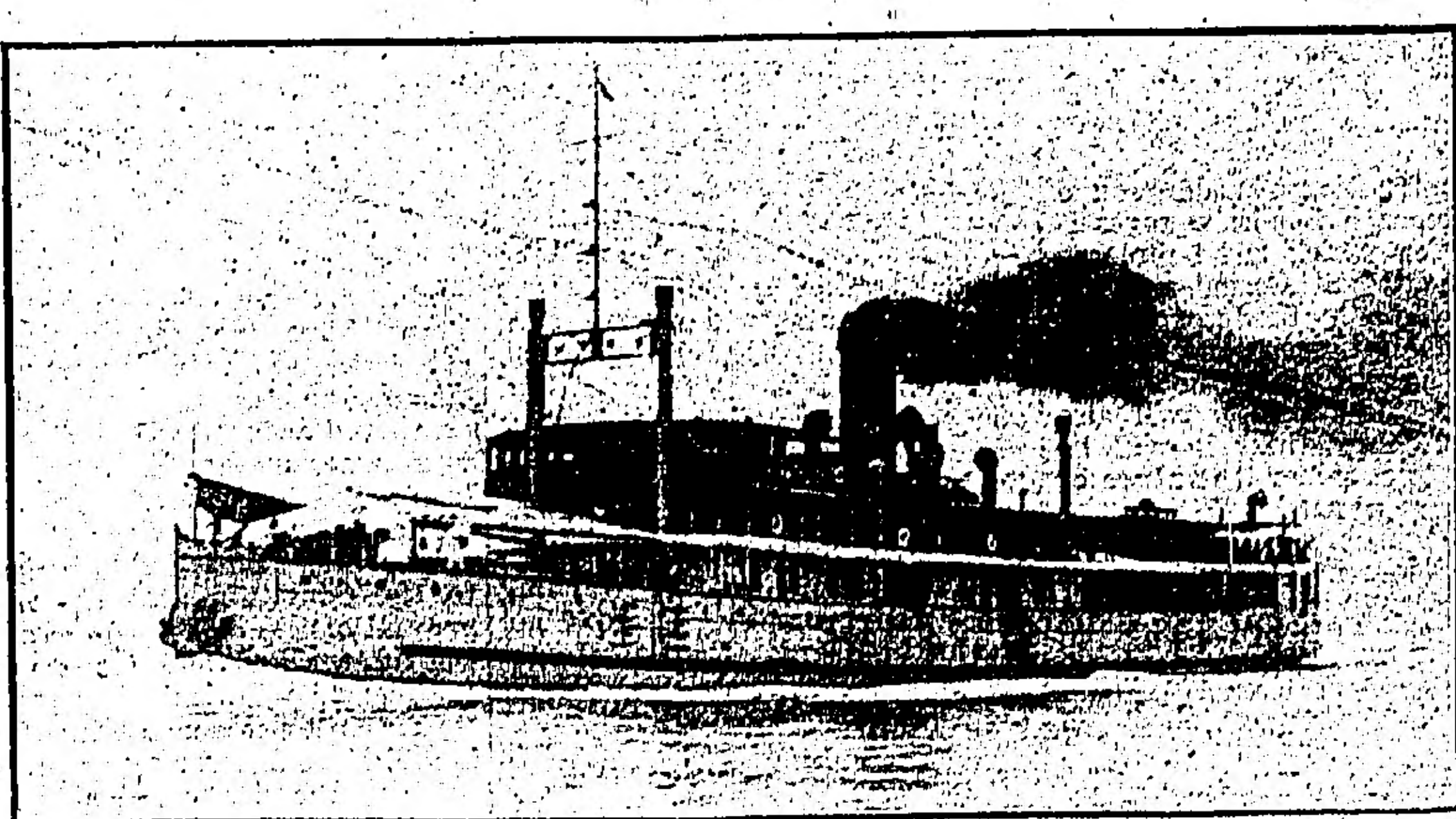
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SOUTH ABANDONS
OFFENSIVE?

(Continued from Page 1.)

RESERVISTS GET HOME.

The First to Come Out Here.

London, Oct. 19.
The first troops home from
China are expected to reach the
Royal Albert Docks in the Thames
to-morrow.

They will arrive by the troop-
carrier *Hermionius*, and will in-
clude 400 class A reservists.
These were the first men to go
out, being part of the 1,600 recall-
ed to the colours at the begin-
ning of the year.—*British Wire-
less*.

SHANSI CAMPAIGN.

Was Planned by Borodin.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.
It has been conclusively proved
that the Shansi campaign against
Peking was planned by Borodin
during his recent sojourn in Shan-
si. Offensives against Kaifeng
and against Chentingfu were opened
for the purpose of drawing
away the Fengtien forces from
Peking after which strong raiding
columns marching from Shansi
due east to Peking actually captured
Mentoku twenty miles east of
Peking and Chochow forty miles
south east of Peking.

The Shansi forces are reported
still to be holding Chochow, repel-
ling Fengtien attacks, but their
main objective has not been achieved
because the initial success of
the Shansi offensive threw back
the large Fengtien forces on Pe-
king, who held off the raiders
while the planned communist ris-
ing in Peking failed to eventuate.
—*Reuter*.

Shansi Sortie Fails.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.
Shansi troops under General Fu
Yik-sang are reported to have ad-
vanced to Liangsiang south of
Cheng-sin-lin. Serious fighting
still continues in that vicinity.

It is also reported that a cer-
tain number of Shansi soldiers
have appeared at Lakoukiu. Gun-
firing was heard at Peking but the
Military Authorities explained that
it came from the vicinity of Min-
tau-kau where fighting is still
going on.

Shansi troops who have been
shut up in the Chochow, which is
surrounded by the Fengtien forces
attempted a sortie on the evening
of the 18th but owing to the heavy
firing of the machine guns the
effort failed.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang left
the Kopei-tin front for Paoting on
the 18th.—*Wah Kin Yat Po*.

SINGAPORE GUNMEN.

DARING HOLD-UP BY MOTOR
CAR BANDITS.

Six Chinese bandits, all armed
with pistols, held up the occupant
of a Rowell Road house at about
7.30 p.m. on Thursday night.

It is reported that the men drove
up in a car, in which they held
with a sum of \$500 in cash, which
they had obtained from their
terrified victims.

The house is that of Mr. Qwek
Ah Kee, a Municipal clerk.
Access was gained by a ruse.
One of the men stated that he had
arrived from Johore with a mes-
sage for Mr. Ah Kee, and, on the
front door being thereupon open-
ed by a maid-servant, the others
rushed in.

There have been no arrests.

Attacked by Eight Hokien.

In Macpherson Road a little
later, eight Hokien attacked two
Teochews, one of whom is in hos-
pital with knife wounds in his
chest and stomach.

The construction of underground
garages beneath London squares is
a suggestion which will be placed
before the Royal Commission on
London squares by the Incorporated
Society of Auctioneers and Landed
Property Agents, states the *Finan-
cial News*. The Society will also
state that "they think it will be
necessary to consider the future of
each square separately. Where, for
instance, houses are the primary
need, development schemes ought
not to be ruled out, though strict
conditions should be laid down as to
the class of houses to be erected."

Mr. William Bennett, of Mold-
road, Connah's Quay, who was
paralyzed by a fish five inches long
while in a boat in the River Mersey,
Seacombe, has recovered. Mr. T.
Jefferies, secretary of the Mersey-
side Aquarium Association, said
that the fish was a lesser weever
and was not uncommon in the
Mersey estuary. If pressed of
trodden upon it emitted a poison
through a sharp spine.

SHANGHAI SENTENCES
TOO LIGHT.APPEAL IN PROVISIONAL
COURT.

OBJECTIONS BY POLICE

Before Judge Ziar (presiding),
Loo and Chan in the Shanghai
Provisional Court of Appeal on
Friday, an appeal was lodged by
the Shanghai Municipal Police,
represented by the Prosecuting
Solicitor, Mr. E. T. Maitland,
against "inadequate sentences"
imposed by the Court of the First
Instance on Dmitry Doubof and
Shetsel Penzovsky, Russians, of
one year's imprisonment each,
they having been found guilty of
having attempted to break into
the National Commercial and
Savings Bank, Ltd., last month.

Mr. Maitland stated that this
was "an appeal by the police
against a sentence imposed on the
accused by the lower court for
attempting to break into the
National Commercial and Savings
Bank, Ltd., on September 9.
They were convicted under Article
368 of the Chinese Provisional
Criminal Code and, under that
article, the minimum sentence was
imprisonment under the third
degree, and that meant that
accused must receive sentences of
over three years' imprisonment
each, instead of which they had
been sentenced to one year, which
was totally inadequate. The Judge
in the lower court, counsel sub-
mitted, was wrong and the sentence
was an oversight. Counsel would
like to point out that, even if the
sentence of one year was correct
under the Code, it would be totally
inadequate. The case was very
clear and the accused undoubtedly
were professional criminal experts.
They broke into an empty office
which was next to the National
Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.,
which consisted of a large room
with glass doors. Over the latter
the accused pasted paper so that
persons outside could not see in-
side. At the back left hand corner
of the room was a small compart-
ment which was used as a
lavatory. That part was side of
the wall between the bank and the
empty office. Accused deliberately
made a large hole in the wall and
all but got through into the bank
building, their only object being to
commit burglary. Only a few more
bricks moved away and they would
have broken through.

Thwarted by Police.

"These men, continued counsel,
were found there by the police,
together with implements used by
expert burglars, so there was no
question of punishment for a sud-
den, foolish and unthoughtful act,
the accused being professional
criminals. The men were dangers
to society. They were liable to be
punished for a period under the
second and third degrees. There
was no reason for leniency. Under
the second degree punishment was
provided for more than five years
and less than ten years. Counsel
suggested that to deal with these
men who were social dangers to the
community by giving them a
year each was rendering an
ill-service to the community. The
men should be put away as they
were public dangers. The police
had written to the Harbin police to
get accused's records but these
were not expected for a few days.

Det. Sgt. Eebenin produced the
outfit seized and explained what
the contents were. Mr. Maitland
described it as a regular burglar
outfit.

Judge Ziar:—These men have
been sentenced for attempted
burglary only. The offence of
burglary itself was not completed.
Mr. Maitland:—That does not
lessen the degree of the offence.
It was simply because the police
were clever enough to find out and
frustrate the plot that they did
not succeed. The more fact that
they did not get through the wall
was no credit to them. The police
got the information and acted
promptly, and it was a fortunate
thing that the accused did not get
into the bank and therefore no
losses were suffered.

Judge Ziar:—They did not get
anything. In the finding of the
Court of the First Instance, accus-
ed were found guilty of breaking
into and entering, but no taking
or carrying away was proved. The
Chinese law and English law, on
this point differ. In Chinese law,
you must prove that the burglar
not only broke into and entered
but also took and carried away.

Mr. Maitland:—I quite under-
stand that, but it was fortunate
that the police got the warning
and acted promptly. It does not
lessen the degree of guilt. I sub-
mit that the sentence was totally
inadequate.

Power to Reduce Sentence.

The Judges discussed Article 17
of the Criminal Procedure and
thought it operated. By this, they
had the power to reduce the sen-
tence. Judge Ziar then told Mr.
Maitland that he must argue and
give his reasons to show why the
sentence should not be reduced.

Mr. Maitland:—The accused are
professional criminals and, as

MR. FORD'S BRAZIL
RUBBER.MALAYAN PRODUCERS
UNCONCERNED.

It is doubtful whether rubber
producers in Malaya will be
greatly concerned over the Ford
Motor Company's plans for a
"rubber empire" in Brazil, says
the *Straits Times*. We are told
that a concession of 4,000,000 acres
is held and that "the most modern
methods of development" will be
employed, including the use
of aeroplanes and trans-
port of rubber by steamers
of the Ford fleet to the
factories in the United States.
A report of the scheme was pub-
lished a few weeks ago, only to
be subsequently denied.

The present news is more de-
finite, and it seems that Malaya
may really have to meet Mr. Ford's
competition from Brazil as well as
that of Mr. Firestone from Liberia.
If those who still prophesy a com-
ing shortage of rubber are justi-
fied, there will be room and to
spare for all in seven years' time
when Ford and Firestone begin to
get some return on their outlay.
With 40 per cent. restriction in
force and rubber still around 67
cents Straits a pound, it is difficult
to see how American producers
will be able to make it a paying
proposition.

MALAY PENINSULA
RAILWAY.ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FROM
SIAM TO SINGAPORE.

Not much is heard on this side
of the frontier, says the *Bangkok
Times*, of the progress of the east
coast railway which will link up
Kelantan, and Pahang with the
F.M.S. system, and provide Bang-
kok with an alternative rail route
to Singapore.

The recent visit to the Guil-
lard Bridge by Sir Hugh Clifford
may perhaps lead to an accelera-
tion in the rate of construction of
this very necessary railway. The
structure which spans the Kelan-
tan river has now been visited by
many highly placed people includ-
ing the Commissioner General of
Siamese State Railways.

Following Sir Hugh's visit the
general manager of the F.M.S.
railways and a party left Penang
on a visit to Kelantan on inspec-
tion. They travelled via Pattani
and so will see something of the
Siamese system.

Communication between Kedah
and Kelantan is very easy thanks
to the rail connection via Had
Yai, and is being increasingly
used by the Malay population of
both States.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
1. The Bible. 2. Samuel Richardson (1639-
1719). 3. Herman Melville. 4. Lord Byron.
5. Audie. 6. In "Gentlemen Prefer
Blondes." 7. Gulliver's Travels, by Don
Swift. 8. John the Terrible. 9. Roger Bacon.
10. Harold. 11. Shelley. 12. Oscar
Wilde. 13. Jules Verne. 14. L. Stevenson. 15.
Macaulay. 16. "Ouldin." 17. Queen Anne's. 18.
The Constant Nymph, by Margaret Kennedy.

Forty-nine United States peri-
odicals of the "thriller" class
dealing with "Underworld" crime
and cinematograph stories, have
been made the subject of a customs
duty of 25 per cent. at Ottawa, al-
though they have hitherto entered
Canada free. The departmental re-
gulations say: "Periodicals con-
sisting almost wholly of fiction, and
not containing a reasonable amount
of critical and descriptive articles,
news items, or articles relating
thereto, or to current topics are de-
clared not entitled to free entry."
The same ruling would apply to
British periodicals of the same cate-
gory.

The *Spectator* announces that it
will devote a page each week until
the end of the year to the League
of Nations.

such, are menaces to society.
They have not produced any
evidence regarding extenuating
circumstances. Mr. Maitland then
compared accused with a man who
was starving and had to break
into a house in order to get some-
thing to eat.

The first accused then appealed
to the Court for leniency on the
ground of ill-health. He admitted
the offence and had done so from
the very beginning. He had not
the intention to commit the offence
long before he was arrested.

The second accused said that
the Court of the First Instance was
quite justified in sentencing him
to a year's imprisonment but he
would ask for leniency because he
had a wife and three children to
support. They did not actually
commit any theft.

Judgment was then reserved and
will be rendered at two p.m. on
the 21st instant.

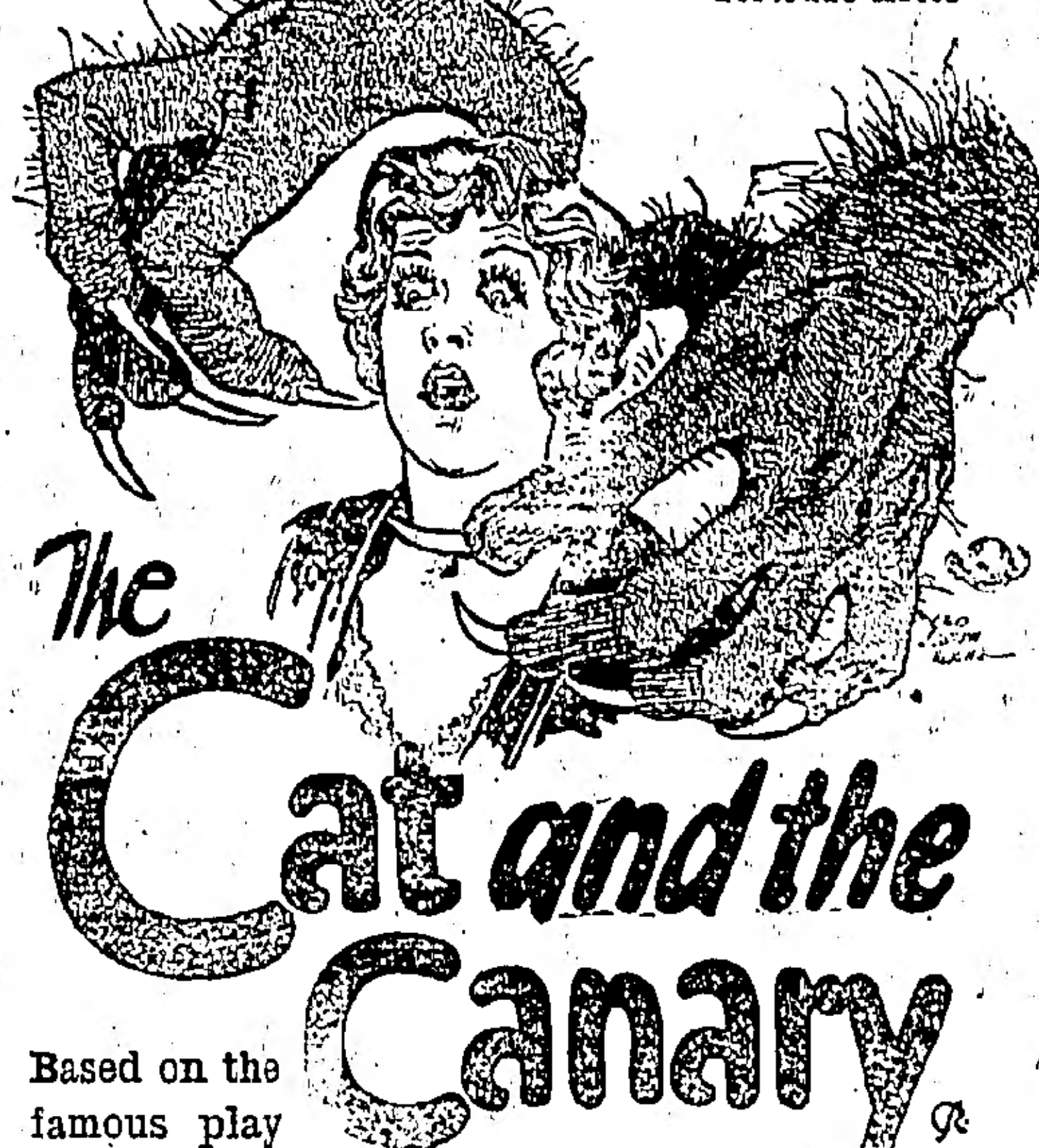
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